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Old Home

Farm upgrades, new horses breathe life into Maryland's Northview Stallion Station

Successful Young Guns at Country Life Farm

DIVINING ROD

Barbara Weidl/Equi-Photo Inc.

Divine Huntress romped by 12¾ lengths on Jan. 19 at Parx, her second win in three starts.

2021 LEADING MIDATLANTIC FRESHMAN SIRE

Tapit–Precious Kitten
$5,000 LFSN; BC, MM

MOSLER

Coady Photography

Waterworks won $100,000 Oaklawn Park allowance on Jan. 7

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Early Risers. The horses – and ace photographers – get up early for scenes like this at Maryland's Laurel Park in January.

JERRY DZIERWINSKI

In this issue

Northview reboots place in regional stallion climate

When it was part of the world-renowned Windfields Farm, Northview Stallion Station was the home of legends. Now, under the direction of Mike Golden and his team, the Maryland farm recommits to its place in the region's breeding industry with new stallions, a new barn and a long list of improvements. By Joe Clancy. Page 24

Marvelous mares reward breeders

The roots of a family . . . a nurse mare of a different sort . . . and a racehorse-producing dynamo who is missed by all who knew her . . . Broodmares come in all shapes, sizes and backgrounds, but some just reach you. By Sara Gordon. Page 32

Maryland-bred Cordmaker thrives on routine

You have to get up pretty early to see Cordmaker train at Laurel Park, but the schedule might be the key to the multiple stakes winner's success. After going winless in 2020, the veteran won four stakes in 2021 for Hillwood Stable, trainer Rodney Jenkins and the team. By Sean Clancy. Page 40

Region teemed with quality runners in 2021

Eclipse Award contenders Knicks Go and Aloha West got most of the attention, but the Mid-Atlantic was represented by plenty of depth in 2021 – including a slew of big winners. By Paul Halloran and Tom Law. Page 44

Remembering Billy Turner

A routine trip through the Laurel Park stable area turned into an encounter with a Triple Crown-winning trainer on his way back. By Vinnie Perrone. Page 54

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POST TIME

SNOW GOING. Maryland's Chanceland Farm presents an unspoiled canvas for the filly Down to the Wire in January.

Charles Toler photo

Say It Again

"Everybody says fly-fishing is so relaxing. I went fishing on Christmas Day. I didn't catch anything, and it was not relaxing."
Photographer (and noted angler) Douglas Lees

"You should have seen us trying to get a conformation picture . . . that was work. The handlers would get disgusted. The minute they had him standing, he'd move."
Benny Miller, former manager of the Windfields Farm stallion division, about star sire Northern Dancer

Memories of Windfields

The place closed and broke up more than 30 years ago, but Maryland's Windfields Farm rivaled any stallion farm in the world for quality and impact on Thoroughbred racing. Studs such as Halo, King's Bishop, Tentam, The Minstrel, T. V. Commercial, Val de l'Orne (Fr) and–of course–Northern Dancer will do that.

Glimpses into the farm–owned by Canadian E.P. Taylor and his family, overseen by Joe Thomas and later Joe Hickey–and its star equine residents get rarer all the time, but former stallion division manager Benny Miller and his daughter Linda Bench (now the business manager at Northview Stallion Station) talked a little history in January.

Northern Dancer

"Northern Dancer had such a personality," Bench said of the world's leading sire. "He was irresistible as an individual. Without all the fame, he was like that. You had to like him. I don't know if that's part of why he achieved what he achieved–his mindset–but he really knew he was star."

"It's just hard to believe," Miller echoed, when asked about the great horse's success. "I don't know. He was all heart and all determination. He didn't walk anyplace; he didn't do anything. It was like having a stick of dynamite on the end of a shank. If you went in to put a halter or twitch on him, he'd shake his head and give you a little fuss, but he was fine about it. He wasn't mean or anything, just always on top of things or always ready for something."

Other Stallions

"We had a little horse called Rambunctious, you could hand him to a 6-year-old child," said Miller, of the sire of Rollicking among others. "Tentam had more personality than any horse you'd ever met. Halo was just the opposite. He would go after somebody and did. He was mean. When he was out in the paddock we put a muzzle on him because when you went in to get him he'd try to savage you. He would chase blackbirds across the paddock to the other corner, and then back again–all day long."

Life on the Farm

"Tentam had died in the field," said Miller. "I called Joe Thomas and he was at the main farm. He came over and we went out. He told somebody to get the van and we'd send him to New Bolton. They said he had a heart attack. It was a sad thing. I wasn't sure what to do next. Joe Thomas said, 'Ben, come in the office. We'll pour a couple drinks and call the people together.' He was as cool and calm as can be. He said, 'These things happen on a farm.' We called the people and told them together."

"The president, Jimmy Carter, had just given a speech saying he wanted employers to freeze wages and not give any raises, that we had to tighten our belts because of the energy crisis and inflation [late in 1978]. Mr. Taylor said, 'Well Ben, I'll tell you. We just had a meeting. And you boys'll get a raise.' They always came the first of the year. You'd get a slip of paper with your raise on it and what your bonus was. I think I got a 5- or 6-percent increase when the president was telling people to freeze it. That's what it was like to work for them."

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GO FIGURE

11.86 Percent increase over 2020 in total wagering on Thoroughbred racing in the United States in 2021. According to statistics released by Equibase in January, the handle figure grew to more than $12.2 billion. It was the highest figure since 2009.

35.77 Percent increase over 2020 in total purses distributed in Thoroughbred racing in the United States in 2021. The purse figure reached nearly $1.2 billion.

21.18 Percent increase over 2020 in total Thoroughbred races in the United States in 2021. The total races reached 33,567.

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NAMES OF THE MONTH

Parishioner: Owner/trainer David Rose's 3-year-old Maryland-bred gelding, who made his debut at Charles Town Jan. 12, is by Holy Boss.

Cook the Books: Owner/trainer William Straughn's 5-year-old mare, bred in West Virginia by O'Sullivan Farms, is out of Funky C. P. A.

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Speightstown–Northern Station

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OUTFLANKER

Danzig–Lassie's Lady

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Wildcat Heir–Rainbow Pride

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Hello Beautiful sells for $410,00 at Keeneland

The speedy Hello Beautiful did plenty of leading in her 20-start racing career—which included 10 wins and $587,820—so it was only fitting that she showed the way for regional-breds at the Keeneland January sale Jan. 11-14.

The 5-year-old mare sold to OXO Equine for $410,000 as a racing/broodmare prospect. Consigned by ELiTE as agent for owners Madaket Stables, Albert Frassetto, Mark Parkinson, K-Mac Stable and Magic City Stables, Hello Beautiful will join the OXO broodmare band.

Bred in Maryland by Hillwood Stables and purchased by trainer Brittany Russell for $6,500 as a late yearling, Hello Beautiful won half of her six starts as a juvenile in 2019—including the Maryland Million Lassie and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship stakes. She backed up that promise with three more wins as a 3-year-old—topped by the Maryland Million Distaff and Safely Kept stakes. Her 2021 included victories in the What a Summer, Alma North, Weather Vane and Maryland Million Distaff. She became the seventh horse to win three Maryland Million races—tying Ben's Cat, Countus In, Docent, Eighttofasttocatch, Mz. Zill Bear and Hall of Fame mare Safely Kept.

SARA GORDON

Based with Russell at Laurel Park, Hello Beautiful tried graded company twice, but settled for sixth in the Prioress-G2 at Saratoga in 2020 and a fifth in the Barbara Fritchie-G3 at Laurel in 2021. After the 2021 Maryland Million win, Russell hinted at a return to racing in 2022 but Hello Beautiful's value sent her to Keeneland. The daughter of Golden Lad and the Tiznow mare Hello Now is a half-sister to stakes winner Hello Hot Rod, and would add quality to any broodmare band.

In other regional results, Pennsylvania-bred Marion Francis sold for $190,000 as a racing/broodmare prospect. Bred by Blackstone Farm, the 4-year-old filly won three of 11 for Madaket and partners and trainer Brad Cox. She placed in three stakes including the She's All In at Remington Park in December. The daughter of Constitution and the Two Punch mare Sophie's Destiny—from the family of Doneraile Court and Keen Pauline—was purchased by KiCourt from the ELiTE consignment.

Virginia-bred Back Roads, a daughter of Liam's Map in foal to Mendelssohn, sold for $150,000. McMahon and Hill signed the ticket from the consignment of Stuart Morris as agent for breeder Morgan's Ford Farm. The gray 5-year-old, a half-sister to Grade 1-placed Oviatt Class, started twice for Morgan's Ford in 2020 before retiring.

Morris and Morgan's Ford also teamed up to sell a $110,000 Virginia-bred yearling to Brown Water Stables. The Speightstown colt is out of the Include mare Looking Great, and from the family of the Grade 1-placed Realm. Morris also sold a $130,000 Maryland-bred yearling for breeder Barak Farm. A son of Maclean's Music and the Yes It's True mare Martini is a full-brother to stakes winner Dirty and was purchased by Boots Bloodstock.

MILESTONES

Retired: 2021 Preakness Stakes-G1 winner Rombauer, who did not race after finishing third in the Belmont Stakes-G1 in June. Bred and owned by John and Diane Fradkin, Rombauer was prepping for a return to racing with trainer Michael McCarthy and had breezed five times at Santa Anita in November and December. Ankle filling, which necessitated the 2021 rest, returned and the Fradkins announced the colt's retirement Jan. 3. Rombauer won three of eight starts with a second, two thirds and $1,040,500 in earnings. He won his debut on the turf at Del Mar in July 2020, finished second in the American Pharoah-G1 that September and closed his 2-year-old campaign with a fifth in the Breeders' Cup Juvenile-G1. In 2021, he won the El Camino Real Derby at Golden Gate Fields, finished third in the Blue Grass Stakes-G2 and won the Preakness after skipping the Kentucky Derby-G1. The son of Twirling Candy and the Cowboy Cal mare Cashmere finished third behind Essential Quality and Hot Rod Charlie in the Belmont.

Purchased: Kentucky's Sierra Farm, by Maryland owner/breeder Matt Dorman as a new base of his breeding program. The move represented a shift in strategy for Dorman's Determined Stud, which originally aimed to build a farm in Maryland's Montgomery County. Increased costs due to supply shortages and "the realities of business" prompted the change. "We were trying to build barns from scratch and the costs increased because of a shortage of steel and other things," Dorman said. "We were able to buy a turn-key farm with a foaling barn, a yearling barn, a broodmare barn. Everything is there." Dorman, whose mares mainly go to Kentucky stallions, sold his farm property in Maryland but intends to keep several mares at Sycamore Hall Farm. "I still think that model really works, so we'll still be foaling mares in Maryland." he said of the state's Thoroughbred incentives for breeders and owners. Formerly owned by Ed and Sharon Hudon, Sierra bred, owned, sold and raced Thoroughbreds including multiple stakes winner Amy's Challenge, Grade 1 winner Nadal, Grade 3 winner Nessy and $1.4 million Keeneland September yearling Kittansett among others.

Scrapped: A planned start at England's Cheltenham Festival in March, American-based steeplechaser The Mean Queen

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Lion Heart–Shine Forth, by Carson City

LEADING MID-ATLANTIC THIRD-CROP SIRE by percentage of Blacktype performers

G2-winning, multiple G1-placed millionaire. 60% winners/starters & 10% stakes horses include MSW and MG3 performer **DOUBLE CROWN** ($249,235), **FORTHELUVOFBOURBON**, **RAGING WHISKEY** (G3-placed), etc. 2020 2YOs sold for up to 67-times his 2020 stud fee

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EDITORIAL
War Front–Playa Maya, by Arch

HALF-BROTHER TO LEADING SIRE UNCLE MO

Allowance-winning son of proven sire of sires **WAR FRONT**, from an undeniable family. Sire of Maryland Juvenile Championship-placed **Alottahope** and Maryland Million Lassie-placed **My Thoughts** in first crop. **66% winners!**

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FORTUNE TICKET
Candy Ride (Arg)–Quiet Giant, by Giant's Causeway

FULL BROTHER TO 2021 LEADING FRESHMAN SIRE GUN RUNNER

First-crop sire **GUN RUNNER** has nearly twice the earners of his closest competitor in the 2021 freshman sire race. Horse of the Year earned over $15.9 million. Two-time winner Fortune Ticket is from a solid sire-producing Ned Evans family.

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HOLY BOSS
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(Ire), due to the uncertainty of the Covid-19 pandemic and international travel. Trainer Keri Brion said Buttonwood Farm's 6-year-old mare will aim for a spring campaign highlighted by a start in the Grade 1 Iroquois Steeplechase in Nashville, Tenn., in May. After breaking her hurdle maiden in Ireland in April, The Mean Queen burst onto the U.S. steeplechase scene with five victories in six starts–an allowance hurdle in May, a filly/mare stakes in June and three consecutive Grade 1 stakes scores in the Jonathan Sheppard, Lonesome Glory and American Grand National. She led all American steeplechasers in 2021 earnings with $303,000 and was an overwhelming favorite to win the Eclipse Award as the overall champion–a feat achieved by just one filly or mare (Maryland-bred Life's Illusion in 1975).

Moved: To Cabin Creek Farm in Bernville, Pa., former Calumet Farm stallion Lentenor. Ryan Campbell's RisenStorm Company bought the 15-year-old, a full-brother to Kentucky Derby-G1 winner Barbaro, and listed a stud fee of $1,000 live foal in a January press release. Lentenor, a son of Dynaformer and the Carson City mare La Ville Rouge, has sired stakes winner Uphold among his 31 foals. Like Barbaro, Lentenor raced for his breeders Roy and Gretchen Jackson's Lael Stables. He won four of 17 starts including the Kitten's Joy Stakes at Colonial Downs in 2012.

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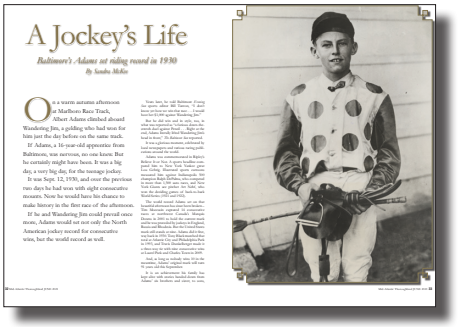
A Jockey's Life

Baltimore's Adams set riding record in 1930

By Sandra McKee

On a warm autumn afternoon at Marlboro Race Track, Albert Adams climbed aboard Wandering Jim, a gelding who had won for him just the day before on the same track.

If Adams, a 16-year-old apprentice from Baltimore, was nervous, no one knew. But he certainly might have been. It was a big day, a very big day, for the teenage jockey.

It was Sept. 12, 1930, and over the previous two days he had won with eight consecutive mounts. Now he would have his chance to make history in the first race of the afternoon.

If he and Wandering Jim could prevail once more, Adams would set not only the North American jockey record for consecutive wins, but the world record as well.

Baltimore-based writer Sandra McKee won the 2021 Eclipse Award for feature/commentary writing for her story "A Jockey's Life" that appeared in the June 2021 edition of Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred.

McKee spent 36 years covering sports for the Baltimore Evening Sun and Baltimore Sun, and has contributed to the magazine for eight years. McKee's article detailed the story of 16-year-old apprentice jockey Albert Adams, who in 1930 set the world record for most consecutive wins by a jockey with nine when he guided Wandering Jim to victory at Marlboro Race Track in Maryland. McKee brought Adams' story back into the spotlight. The Baltimore native died in 1970, but his legacy was kept alive by his descendants, especially great-nephew Ed Adams, who contacted Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred about a possible story.

"I got the pleasure of getting to know Albert Adams by getting out the biggest magnifying glass I could find to pore over old newspapers," said McKee. "Ed Adams had a big thick notebook of clippings from the 1930s. Ed's aunt, Judy Adams Laane, remembers Albert clearly and recalled his descriptive recollections, his laugh and personality."

McKee called the Eclipse a career highlight, alongside such milestones as becoming the first woman sportswriter in Baltimore since World War II in 1976, covering the Orioles when they opened their locker room to women in 1979, plus writing about the Super Bowl, the Stanley Cup, the French Open and The Sun's auto-racing beat.

"I wanted to win this award for so long," said McKee, who received an honorable mention for a Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred article in 2016. "Over the years, all the horse racing writers at The Sun wanted to win an Eclipse Award. And then I followed Tom Keyser on the beat. Tom won the Eclipse Award three times in four years. To say I was motivated is an understatement. And now, to be chosen 10 years after leaving The Sun, is unbelievable. I'm very excited to be in the company of all the talented people who have won this award. It is a great honor."

McKee is the fourth writer honored with an Eclipse Award for an article that appeared in Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred, joining Don Clippinger in 1996, Vinnie Perrone in 2008 and Joe Clancy in 2014. Photographer Cindy Pierson Dulay (2004) won an Eclipse for the magazine, joining Skip Ball's photography honor for a photo in the Maryland Horse in 1979.

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Jessica Hammond with Peace Fire

In her role as program administrator for Beyond The Wire, Jessica Ryley Hammond routinely meets Thoroughbreds transitioning to new lives after racing. She's passionate about the job and the cause.

"The entire Maryland racing industry contributes to it, which is what's so cool about it. It's funded by the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, the Maryland Jockey Club, the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, a per-start charge to owners and a per-start charge to jockeys."

After nearly four years of working to introduce retiring racehorses to second careers with new owners, Hammond shopped for herself in early 2021. The horse she took on trial proved less than ideal. A gem to ride, he was difficult on the ground. She sent the horse to a professional, who advised her to continue her search for a suitable mount. Jessica's husband, former trainer Scott Hammond, echoed the opinion.

Back to the drawing board last June, Jessica saw an advertisement on Facebook from the Foxie G Foundation for 14-year-old gelding Peace Fire. She reached out to organization founder Laurie Calhoun, explained the situation and said the horse sounded like what she was hoping to find.

"I read the description and I thought, 'I need to look at this horse.' He sounded like he had been there and done that. He ran on the flat, in steeplechase races, foxhunted," Hammond said. "She said she would hold on to him until I could go see him. I actually went out there on my birthday—June 14, 2021. It was really funny because she had him in the wash stall, and she said, 'Come on in.' So I walked in, and the first thing he did was bite me. Not hard, just a nip. But I was like, 'Great . . . this is off to a good start.'"

Out in the ring, Scott hopped on and tried the horse first, which is the Hammonds' usual practice. Jessica suffers from a muscular disease, so Scott usually does the test drive and determines if the horse is level-headed and reliable enough for his wife. After just a few minutes, he gave Jessica the green light.

"I got on him and started walking around. And it's kind of cheesy to say, but I felt like I was at home as soon as I sat on him. I just immediately felt like I had known him forever. I was like, 'Wow, this is my bud. This is my partner right here.'"

When you know, you know. Within a week, Peace Fire got on a van and headed to the Hammonds' farm in Fallston, Md.

Jessica performed her due diligence before seeing the horse for the first time. She studied his statistics and followed the trail that led him to Foxie G, making phone calls to former connections. In all cases, reports were glowing.

Bred by Briggs/Cromartie, Peace Fire was foaled in Florida May 9, 2007—a son of the Bobby Frankel-trained multiple graded stakes winner Peace Rules and the then 23-year-old mare Miss Evans. Bloodstock afficionados would enjoy sinking teeth into his meaty page. Among the top line are Mr. Prospector, Devil's Bag, Halo, Raise a Native, Tom Rolfe. And through his dam—royalty. Miss Evans was a daughter of European champion Nijinsky II and the multiple stakes

winner Targa. By Cannonade, Targa won the 1982 Santa Maria Handicap-G2 and earned $334,271.

Peace Fire was purchased by Vinery for $90,000 at the 2008 Keeneland September yearling sale. He won his debut at 2 for trainer Graham Motion in 2009, but lost four in a row before being sold to trainer Jack Fisher as a steeplechase prospect in 2010. Peace Fire made three flat starts for Fisher, including a second at Saratoga, before moving to hurdles that fall.

Racing for Ann and Henry Stern, Peace Fire finished second in his hurdle debut in a 3-year-old maiden at Middleburg Oct. 3, 2010. The winner, Demonstrative, became a champion and earned $940,300 over jumps.

Peace Fire couldn't match Demonstrative, but was consistent. He finished second twice more in 2010, both stakes, and placed five times in 2011. On the shelf for 2012, he emerged as a timber horse in 2013 and won at Winterthur. His ownership shifted back to Fisher and eventually to Mike Hankin's Northwoods Stable, but Peace Fire remained in Fisher's barn and finished second in his final start at Shawan Downs in September 2015. His record read 25-2-9-5 with $83,535 earned.

"Peace Fire ended up fracturing his tibial crest and that stopped his racing career," Jessica said. "The Hankins kept him for several years as an extra foxhunter. Then he moved on to Charlie Fenwick, who didn't have him for long before placing him with Foxie G. He had only been there for a week when I went out to see him."

In truth, Jessica's search for a horse was rather reluctant. Any candidate she considered had what felt like an impossible act to follow: Zabarajad (Ire).

"We bought him in Ireland as a racehorse and brought him over. When he retired, I never thought he would become my horse because he was so cantankerous. We had a slow-moving partnership because he could be so difficult, but it ended up being fantastic and rewarding, and we just got along so well. I rode him for around five years."

Zabarajad developed a nagging issue that proved to be an advanced stage of degenerative joint disease, forcing his permanent retirement to the Hammonds' farm.

"I felt like I had been punched in the stomach," Jessica said. "I cried on and off for days. Scott said, 'He's not dead,' and I said, 'I know, but I had all these hopes and plans.' We were doing so well, and I had wanted to continue on. I wondered if I would ever feel the same way about another horse. We just got each other, and I was worried I would not have that kind of bond again. But I already have that with Peace Fire."

She soon learned that the flashy bay had a devoted group of friends and fans. Most are connections he met during his career. Several reached out to Jessica on social media, sharing stories and photos and requesting to be kept in the loop with his new adventures.

"We just hit the ground running as soon as he got here," Jessica said. Trail riding with friends is a favorite activity, with frequent trips to Fair Hill and nearby Gunpowder State Park. During a visit to Codorus State Park in Pennsylvania last summer, Jessica enjoyed something she'd never done before—swimming with her horse.

"Really swimming," she said, "up to his chest and not touching the ground. My mother said, 'How do you know he'll swim?' I said, 'Because I'm gonna ask him to.' And that's just what he's like. I could tell we trusted each other very early on." ◆

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Thinking about special horses and all they do

For all the time and energy spent on the details of Thoroughbred racing–track surfaces, veterinary procedures, medication rules, horsemen's contracts, stallion choices, licensing, purses, policy, partners, claims, conditions, racing dates, simulcast deals, breeding-fund incentives and about a thousand more–sometimes it's nice to think about a horse.

Mane, tail, brain, legs, eyes, ears, hooves, bones, muscles, speed, talent and all the rest come together to form a sentient being who feels, communicates and cares. Some do those things more, or better, than others. Some can win. Some can't. Some never reach their potential. Some over-achieve. And some do all that and more.

Consider Hello Beautiful, and all she did for Brittany Russell.

At the time a trainer for less than 10 months, Russell spent $6,500 to buy the filly at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic's December mixed sale. From the first crop of Golden Lad, the dark bay yearling–yes, a December yearling–fit the description for the shopping list put together by Russell and Jodi Quinn of Dark Horse Racing.

"The point was to just find a Maryland-bred we liked," said Russell. "When you spend $6,500 on a horse, they don't have to be a superstar for you to be successful. You can be aggressive if you need to. She turned out to be much better than she had to be."

That comment came in October, 10 months post-sale and right after Hello Beautiful won the Maryland Million Lassie. And would turn into a massive understatement as Hello Beautiful went on to win two more Maryland Million stakes, earn $587,820 and unlock all sorts of opportunities for her trainer. The career ended late last year, with back-to-back losses, and officially closed for Russell when Hello Beautiful left the Laurel Park barn for the Keeneland January sale.

Like anybody, Russell–whose husband Sheldon was Hello Beautiful's regular jockey–had mixed feelings. Lots.

"The day we were loading her to go to Kentucky we took the family into the barn and took pictures with her and the whole send-off was pretty emotional," Russell said. "Not knowing who was going to purchase her made it that way. You didn't know how it would turn out, which wasn't easy."

It turned out just fine as Larry Best's OXO Equine spent $410,000 to buy the 5-year-old mare, an eight-time stakes winner who won half her 20 starts over three seasons. Initial plans had Hello Beautiful joining the OXO broodmare ranks for a date with Instagrand, who won a Grade 2 for OXO before retiring to Taylor Made Farm as a stallion.

"It was a very big deal to have her go to somebody like that," said Russell. "She's going to get every opportunity to do well."

Bred by Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stable, Hello Beautiful got that at just about every step–a maiden win in her third start for Russell and Dark Horse, a sale to Sol Kumin's Madaket Stable and partners, all but two starts in her home state and a couple of not-to-be graded stakes tries.

Russell hesitated when asked for a favorite moment or memory. That 2019 Lassie triumph was the trainer's first in a stakes. A 2020 win in the Maryland Million Distaff erased the sting of stakes losses on the road at Ellis Park and Saratoga. A 2021 win in the Alma North at Pimlico was Sheldon Russell's 1,500th win as a jockey. Last fall's Distaff score tied Ben's Cat, Eighttofasttocatch, Safely Kept and others with a record three Maryland Million wins.

It may have been easier to have Russell choose a favorite child. Edy or Rye?

"My first stakes, Sheldon winning his 1,500th on her . . . I'm getting a little emotional . . . When she left for the sale, Sheldon said, 'I'll never ride her again.' That's sad," she said finally. "She's the best horse I've trained, but she was so important to our family and all of us. She was a different kind of special."

She left behind a big space in the barn, figuratively, for sure, but literally as well.

"I didn't want to just put anyone in her stall, and we have plenty of good ones, but they have houses already," Russell said. "This Mohaymen filly, Unadulterated, just came back from the farm and I'm like, 'You, I want to look at you.' We wanted to put a horse in there that we liked, that had no pressure–it's Stall 1, next to the tack room. She's pretty cool."

And Russell will have plenty of time to think about her. ◆

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Still Sailing

Region's flagship stallion base, Northview looks ahead

BY JOE CLANCY
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Labor Day, 1968. Chesapeake City, Md., and the surrounding equine community. Benny Miller thought he had the day off. His boss, Gene Weymouth, thought Miller was supposed to work. Thus ended 16 years of employment for Miller, and–unknowingly–began five decades and counting of impact on Thoroughbred racing in the Mid-Atlantic and beyond.

"I was born and raised in Wilmington [Delaware] and an older man named Buck lived two doors from us and he ran the barn for Weymouths," said Miller, now 86, in January of the Weymouth family farm just outside the city. "My older brother went out there and I used to go out there with him and fool around with the horses and all the other kids. Gene started galloping horses for Burley Cocks and training a horse or two at the farm, so I started getting on horses for him. Then he moved."

Soon to be eligible for the military draft, and without a long-range career plan, Miller took a job at Weymouth's farm on Bunker Hill Road. Part-time, full-time, whatever-time, Miller stayed for 16 years as Weymouth began a lengthy career as a steeplechase and flat trainer.

The Labor Day dispute was relatively minor, especially for anyone who worked for the mercurial Weymouth, but Miller used it as an opportunity. Sixteen years was long enough, and with a wife and two young children, he couldn't stay unemployed for long. On the recommendation of a local veterinarian, Miller went to talk to Joe Thomas at the Maryland division of Canada's Windfields Farm.

"Take a month off and then come back and tell the farm manager we just hired you," Thomas told Miller.

He stayed 20 years, managing the stallion division and working with the likes of Northern Dancer, Halo, Tentam, Rambunctious and all the others to grace the farm which opened in 1965 and grew into the rival of any in the world. Miller traveled to sales in Kentucky, supervised employees, managed the care of some of the world's most sought-after horses. Windfields grew to 2,600 acres with facilities for stallions, broodmares, yearlings, racehorses. Founded by Canadian businessman E.P. Taylor, the farm was one of Cecil County's largest employers–complete with unmistakable turquoise company vehicles, cream and turquoise directional signs, and a regular flow of horse vans to and from Kentucky.

"You couldn't have worked for better people," Miller said. "We had health insurance and dental insurance and back then a lot of places didn't have that. It was something. The stallions we had . . . the training side had a turf course, a mile straight they could gallop on, everything you needed. Mr. Taylor would be there three or four times a year. In the barn, no matter who was there, he'd walk up and shake hands and tell them who he was."

Miller and his family moved into a house next to the stallion barn, a milestone his daughter Linda Bench recalled with ease.

"That house was built for Dad," she said. "Northern Dancer was there, right next door. There are a lot of memories."

She's still making them.

In 1978, Bench followed her father to a job with Windfields, working in the office with a team of people handling the business of a breeding farm covering hundreds of mares a year and housing the world's most sought-after stallion. Northern Dancer's published no-guarantee fee climbed to $500,000 by 1984. She met

Northview's main stallion barn, once the home of the great Northern Dancer, received a facelift in 2021 while other farm improvements include a new second stallion barn (left).

her husband Joe, who worked in the stallion barn, and sons Wayne and Shawn essentially never left even as everything else changed.

Northern Dancer was pensioned in 1987. The next year, the Taylor family closed the farm. Benny Miller left, started a painting business, and later worked for 12 years at the University of Florida before retiring in Delaware. The various segments of Windfields broke up much as they were assembled, becoming many small farms instead of a single massive one. The cars and signs went wherever they go. Northern Dancer died in 1990, his body shipped back to Canada in a specially designed coffin. The big-name stallions moved to Kentucky upon the farm's closure, but a few others stayed to form the nucleus of Northview Stallion Station–a venture led by Allaire duPont. First based at Windfields' Northview Annex property, the business moved to the former Windfields stallion division in 1991 and has been a fixture in the region ever since.

Linda Bench has been there every step of the way.

"I was away from this building for a little while when the boys were babies and a couple years when we were over at the Northview Annex," said Bench, "but it feels like being home. It's always been home or a home away from home for me."

Combined, she and her father have worked at Windfields and Northview for 54 years.

"It has remained a big part of my life, absolutely," said Bench, officially Northview's business manager. "I feel very grateful to have experienced it."

She's getting a chance to experience it all over again as Northview's current owner Dr. Mike Golden–whose father Richard was a Northview partner with duPont and Dr. Tom Bowman–leads a recommitment to the farm, its facilities and its value to the Thoroughbred community. Changes dot the 171-acre farm. Northview built a four-stall stallion barn, upgraded the original eight-stall stallion barn, repaved roads, built new run-in sheds, planted dozens of trees and made a list for the future including improvements to the breeding shed and main broodmare barn, construction of a stallion show ring and more.

"The glow was fading a little just because it was older," said Bench. "It's wonderful to see everything looking so

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Ben Miller (left) and son-in-law Joe Bench convinced Northern Dancer to pose for a photo at Windfields in 1987. Miller's daughter Linda is Northview's business manager.

beautiful. It's hard to express for me. There wasn't anything wrong, it wasn't being neglected, but it's heartening to see it look so beautiful and come back. You can feel the commitment to it."

The improvements stem from 2020 when Northview named Mike Golden as vice president and closed its Pennsylvania division to consolidate in Maryland. Richard Golden died at age 82 in September, spurring the plan into even more motion. Mike Golden and his sister Lisa Hofstetter own the business, and head a team including general manager David Wade, bloodstock manager Paul O'Loughlin, farm manager Francisco Torres, Bench and a crew of others.

The Goldens still own the adjacent Sycamore Hall Farm as a private Thoroughbred nursery while Northview continues on as the public operation complete with stallions, foaling, mare boarding and a sales division.

"We never specifically had a conversation about it, but it was very obvious that it would have been his wishes to keep the farm going," said Mike Golden of his father. "He made that very clear. He had a passion for horse racing and wanted me and my sister to share the passion. The last couple years my dad wasn't really as involved as even he would have liked to have been. We never had a conversation, but I know when he developed Sycamore Hall and when he developed Northview his intention would have been to have us carry on. I think he'd be very happy with what's going on."

Like his father, Mike Golden was quick to point to the people with their hands on the horses.

"He had the utmost respect for the people who worked at it, all the people who are part of the farms," Mike said. "He would have wanted to keep everything going and have stability at the farm. He loved Maryland racing and the breeders in the area, and he felt like Northview was a very important part of Mid-Atlantic breeding. It's a big responsibility. We're going to try to keep it going and I hope we can."

Mike Golden nearly became one of those hands-on people, as he went to veterinary school at Cornell University after graduating from Penn State, and spent several summers on Thoroughbred farms in Kentucky and working for racetrack veterinarian Dr. Robert Fritz at Saratoga Race Course.

The experience convinced him he wanted to work with animals–smaller animals.

"I loved working with horses and still love horses, I just decided that wasn't the medicine I wanted to practice," he said. "I enjoyed working with dogs and cats. I didn't find reproductive equine medicine as interesting as the racetrack, and being a racetrack veterinarian just wasn't what I wanted to do."

Instead, Golden built a career caring for pets. He owns Veterinary Housecall Service in Crofton, Md., and can answer pretty much any question you want to throw at him about your Labrador Retriever or Norwich Terrier. Just like his interest in Thoroughbreds, Golden's affinity for dogs and cats comes naturally.

"My parents always did whatever it took to take care of their animals–cats, dogs, horses, rabbits, we had everything growing up," he said. "My mother bred Saint Bernards and it seemed like we would go to dog shows every weekend. I think that spurred an interest in looking at pedigrees and breeding."

The CEO of clothing manufacturer Dorby Frocks Ltd., Richard Golden was a native New Yorker who got into racing as an owner in the early 1970s and eventually met duPont, who–as she did with Taylor–encouraged Golden to buy a farm in Chesapeake City. He bought land in 1986, built the original Sycamore Hall and helped launch Northview three years later as a way to ease the blow of Windfields' closing. Windfields stallions Smarten, Caveat and Two Punch stayed and were later joined by Waquoit, Polish Numbers, Private Terms, Not For Love and others. Not For Love was Maryland's Stallion of the Year a record 13 times. Sycamore Hall relocated and expanded to what was Bob Levy's Muirfield East Farm across Md. 310, Golden became Northview's president/CEO and the business rode the various waves of the region's Thoroughbred industry. He's not quite Not For Love, but Great Notion holds the role of Maryland's stallion dean. Golden approached it like a business, but also knew that success or failure ultimately depended on the animals.

"There is really no formula for buying the right stallion," he said via email in 2016. "I bought Not For Love because of his pedigree. It was outstanding. I really could have never purchased him if his race record was outstanding as well. I gave him to Graham Motion to train and we did well but then we decided that he was better off as a stallion."

Not For Love (Mr. Prospector—Dance Number, by Northern Dancer) changed the game, remaining at Northview when

JOE HICKEY

Star stallions (from right) Northern Dancer, The Minstrel and Val de l'Orne (Fr) parade in front of the Windfields stallion barn in 1978. Today's remodeled stallion barn boasts a new facade and full stall doors replacing windows to enhance ventilation.

he could have probably succeeded in Kentucky and his influence continues to be felt despite being pensioned in 2015 and dying in 2016.

Northview was never going to become Windfields, but the parallels remain–and not just in the location. Like E.P. Taylor, Golden got nudged deeper into the business by duPont and her historic Woodstock Farm just up the road.

"My dad always had a good relationship with Mrs. duPont; they got along extremely well," said Mike Golden. "She had a reputation and a history in horse racing, they both loved animals and enjoyed being around quality horses. When she encouraged him to do things, he followed her advice, but he had a love of horse racing before he met her and I think that's why he got involved in the stallion side of it, just a chance to be around good horses and to make an impact."

And now it's Mike Golden's turn. Northview could have been sold, as Windfields was after Taylor died. Instead, there are new barns, new trees, new stallions, new blacktop and a new path forward.

"There's so much history on the farm and my family is very aware of the history and it's something we try to protect and maintain," Mike Golden said. "On the other hand, you have to update things."

Wade loves the feeling of a reboot.

"Your dad would have loved this," Wade told Golden at the farm's open house in December. "When he lived here and he saw it regularly, everything meant more to him and he was really into the game. He got a little bit older and stayed in Florida more, it wasn't quite the same. It's hard to hold the same enthusiasm. He had the enthusiasm for the horses, but maybe not as much as he first had in the farm and all the pieces of it."

Foals started arriving in January. Ten stallions, including newcomers Galawi (Ire) and Engage, get to work this month. Northview can house plenty of mares in its barns, but also leases space at Woodstock. Wade and everyone else expects to be busy.

The Chesapeake City operation is not the region's only stud farm, though it's arguably the most important thanks to its history, reputation and depth. The main stallion barn was built as a four-stall–quickly expanded to eight–headquarters for Northern Dancer in the mid-1960s. It's been a home to stallions ever since, and got a facelift in time for the 2021 breeding season.

A facelift, not a rebuild.

"The stall doors that are in there are the originals, all we did was rebuild the original Windfields doors," said Wade. "All the

No one appreciates the history of the farm, which includes an equine cemetery beside the main stallion barn, more than general manager David Wade.

LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Owners Mike Golden and his sister Lisa Hofstetter have demonstrated a full commitment to continuing their father Richard Golden's legacy with a complete overhaul of Northview Stallion Station.

hardware in there is the original hardware, we just refurbished it. We changed the flooring, we took out what were windows on the outside of the stallion barn and put in full doors to help with ventilation through the barn."

Thoroughbred breeder and area real-estate agent John Price, who helped navigate the sale of Windfields to a group of locals and then the subsequent sales of the various pieces, called it all a testament to a special part of the Thoroughbred world.

DuPont's vision got it started, Windfields' creation kicked it to another level and it all continues in some fashion. Leading Standardbred breeder Winbak Farm occupies most of the old Windfields, but the list stretches to Northview, Sycamore Hall, Two Legends Farm, Select Breeders Services, Hassler Dressage, Roland Farm and plenty of other horse facilities named and not-named that were either part of Windfields or a Windfields neighbor.

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1st dam

GALIKOVA
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GALIKOVA (FR), by Galileo. 5 wins at 2 and 3, €812,760, in France, Qatar Prix Vermeille **[G1]**, Prix Guillaume d'Ornano **[G2]**, Prix Cleopatre **[G3]**, etc. (Total: $1,127,103). Dam of 4 other foals, 3 to race, all winners, including--

Galikeo (c. by Dansili). 2 wins at 3, €56,575, in France, 2nd Derby du Languedoc [L]. (Total: $62,138).

2nd dam

BORN GOLD, by Blushing Groom (FR). Winner at 4, €11,434, in France. (Total: $14,002). Sister to **GOLD SPLASH [G1]** (Total: $471,884). Dam of--

GOLDIKOVA
Hall of Fame. Breeders' Cup Mile-G1 winner 2008, 2009, & 2010. 14-time G1 winner. Two-time Eclipse Award winner, European Horse of the Year, twice European Champion Older Horse

GOLDIKOVA (IRE) (f. by Anabaa). 12 wins in 20 starts, 2 to 6, €2,257,145, in France, champion older horse and champion older mare in Europe, hwt. at 3 on French Hand., 7 - 9 1/2 fur., hwt. older mare at 4, 5 and 6 on French Hand., 7 - 9 1/2 fur., Prix du Haras de Fresnay-le-Buffard Jacques Le Marois **[G1]**, etc.; 3 wins, 3 to 5, $3,508,200, in N.A./U.S., champion grass mare twice, Breeders' Cup Mile **[G1]** (OSA, $1,150,200), Breeders' Cup Mile **[G1]** (OSA, $1,080,000), Breeders' Cup Mile **[G1]** (CD, $1,080,000), etc.; winner at 4 and 5, £309,265, in England, hwt. older mare at 4, 5 and 6 on English Hand., 7 - 9 1/2 fur., Queen Anne S. **[G1]**, etc. (Total: $7,176,551). Dam of **TERRAKOVA [G3]** (f. by Galileo, 2 wins, Total: $187,829).

GALIKOVA (FR) (f. by Galileo). Black-type winner, above.

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The broodmare barn (1970s) got a major facelift as well, with details attentive to light and better ventilation. Much of the fencing on the farm has been replaced– evident in the stallion paddocks below.

"We put close to 4,000 acres in preservation, and sold Windfields basically the way Mr. Taylor acquired the farms when he put it all together," said Price, who recalled signing listing documents with the Windfields attorneys in Fasig-Tipton's office at Saratoga. "Windfields closing was like saying IBM was going to shut down. It was huge at the time, and nobody really knew what would happen."

Advertisements rattled off amenities such as 400 stalls, 42 miles of fencing, 31 houses, 5 miles of interior roads. The year it closed, Windfields bred 600 mares–without Northern Dancer. Need a comparison? The entire state listed 778 mares bred in 2021.

In the end, duPont's vision simply took another form. Windfields is gone, but its spirit remains. You can't go to Northview and not think of Northern Dancer, The Minstrel, Halo, Deputy Minister . . . the barn fire that killed a dozen mares in 1968 . . . Taylor watching horses train from the widow's walk of his stately home . . . those garish green station wagons . . . and all the successful racehorses conceived and/or born there.

"This place is really incredibly important to the Maryland breeding industry," said breeder Jim Dresher, part of the ownership group of Northview stallion First Mondays and a breeding-right owner in Galawi. "It's maybe the most important place–I know Country Life Farm is very important, Murmur, they're all important, but the legacy that's here . . . there's no other place quite like this. This is part of the legacy and heritage of our state. You don't even have to like racing to realize that this is important." ◆

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Mares of our Lives

Star producers leave marks on breeders, game

BY SARA GORDON

While at the Keeneland January sale in 2005, a chestnut mare caught the eye of Maryland horseman Cary Jackson. Her name was Millashand, an Ontario-bred daughter of Regal Intention in foal to Harlan's Holiday.

The mare made 12 starts at Woodbine over three seasons, winning the 1999 Lady Angela Stakes along the way, before retiring in 2000 and selling for $35,000 to Tony Goswell at Keeneland November. She produced three foals, including a winning son of Mutakddim, for Harlequin Ranches before she found herself back in the sales ring. This trip would be her last.

"He'd really liked her breeding, there was Native Dancer, Bold Ruler and a lot of stuff back in her background that he liked, and she was also just the kind of mare he liked, just a great looking horse," said Jackson's wife, Ann. "She had good, solid bone and looked like a great breeding prospect. She was in foal to Harlan's Holiday, [a stallion] my husband was crazy about, so he thought she was just a great buy."

On a winning bid of $45,000, Jackson brought Millashand home to Fox Harbor Farm in White Hall, Md. In early April, she produced a Harlan's Holiday colt, her first Maryland-bred later named Banking Holiday, who went on to sell for $50,000 as a yearling and $120,000 as a 2-year-old. Breaking his maiden in his debut season as a 3-year-old, Banking Holiday made 34 starts before retiring at age 6, with six wins and $112,736 earned.

Next came Barouchka, a daughter of Not For Love, who failed to meet her reserve as a yearling and stayed with the Jacksons and trainer Tim Keefe. She lost all 17 starts, but was retired in 2010 and joined the broodmare band.

Of the six foals Millashand produced for the Jacksons, none achieved more, or left more of an impression, than Raven's Choice.

The 2007 Dance With Ravens gelding, trained by Todd Wyatt, made nine starts on the flat, breaking his maiden on the turf at Belmont Park as a 3-year-old, before making the switch to hurdles. But before Cary could witness his homebred's first start over hurdles, he died in a car accident while driving home from Lexington, Ky., in February 2011.

The 88-year-old's Thoroughbred legacy didn't end, however, as Ann took the reins and kept Raven's Choice in training. Three months after the tragedy, he won his jump debut. Tendon issues forced another career change, as Raven's Choice switched to timber, returning in 2013 and picking up two wins in 2014 before a first run in the 2015 Grand National, where he finished third, before heading into his toughest test yet: the Maryland Hunt Cup.

Call it fate with a dash of divine intervention, as he finished a half-length behind Imperial Way before getting awarded the win by disqualification when Imperial Way's jockey came back underweight because a lead pad dropped off late in the 4-mile timber race. The victory was special for the Jackson family. Cary's dream had always been to win the Hunt Cup. A rider in three runnings, he'd finished second in 1948 and fell at the 19th fence in 1951. As an owner he'd finished third with Moon Meeting in 1977 and 1978 and fourth with Quisitor in 1991. Ann and her daughter Win Lewis cried through post-race interviews, lost in the moment and its impact.

"Raven did it all. Of course my husband, his real passion was winning the Hunt Cup, so when Raven won that, it was the first time I'd ever run a horse in my own name at the Hunt Cup and to win it right off the bat, it was just more than I ever expected," said Ann. "Win was just crazy about Raven, he had a wonderful personality. He was a wonderful horse and she used to ride him every day, just to keep him fit for foxhunting, but that's just an example of all these great careers that horses can have."

Raven's Choice made eight more starts through 2019, including four more starts in

WIN LEWIS

DOUGLAS LEES

Broodmares Millashand (right) and her daughter Barouchka provided plenty to Ann and Cary Jackson including homebred Maryland Hunt Cup winner Raven's Choice (upper right photo) out of Millashand and Maryland Million Sprint winner Taco Supream (lower right photo) with his dam Barouchka.

the Grand National, which he won in 2016. He retired with $157,727 earned from 26 starts and wins on the flat, over hurdles and over timber.

After a successful career, and a couple years of retirement as Win's riding and foxhunting companion, Raven's Choice died of colic last August. The loss was another heartbreak, eased somewhat by the thought of Maryland Hunt Cup stories Cary Jackson and his old horse now share.

"Raven was a once-in-a-lifetime horse. Beyond all of his racing accomplishments, he was truly a part of the family," Lewis said via email. "We were so fortunate to have a horse who brought such acclaim to our farm and the Wyatts' training program. Raven was all class and personality and he knew it. Being involved with a horse who had such presence and athletic ability has been one of the greatest joys in my life."

Millashand had nine foals, with four winners from five starters. Her last, a filly named Millamant, was born May 6, 2011. A month earlier, Barouchka had taken up her part in continuing the family line with the birth of a Jump Start colt. That December, the mare and her weanling colt, Georgie Porgy, were consigned to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale as part of a dispersal of eight horses. Barouchka was the only one who didn't sell.

Since then, the accomplishments of her offspring have more than made up for her lack of success on the track, as she has produced five winners including 2019 Maryland Million Sprint winner Taco Supream, who has since retired, and multiple stakes winner Artful Splatter.

ANNE LITZ

"Somehow or another, I don't know if it's the way she's made, we seem to have to breed her more than once and she seems to never get in foal until like May, so her foals are always late. It has not really been a problem, because the great thing about them has been that they've been so sound and they've all been kind of late bloomers," said Ann. "One of her foals, Baltimore County, was not very successful but he ran 57 times. He just ran and ran and ran, and a lot of them ran over 30 times. They've just been really sound and had a lot of endurance, a lot of longevity on the track."

Though Ann typically sends the foals through the sales ring as yearlings, she's kept or bought back some to join the broodmare band or race, starting with Barouchka's 10-year-old daughter Renaissance Rosie. Sold for $35,000 as a yearling, the Jump Start mare won 15 of 25 starts over three seasons, highlighted by seconds in the 2017 Politely and 2018 Misty Bennett Pink Ribbon stakes, while earning $372,819.

"She's one of the few we actually named, which I felt like we should do

because it makes it easier to track and keep an eye on them to see what they do. But Rose was doing so well, so I went down to watch her run in her last race and I claimed her," said Ann. "I wanted to bring her home and turn her into a broodmare, and now she's expecting her third foal."

Following granddam Millashand, who died in September 2018, and her dam, Renaissance Rosie had her first foal in early April 2020. The dark bay/brown Golden Lad colt sold for $55,000 at last year's Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. Last spring, Renaissance Rosie had another Golden Lad colt, who will sell this fall, and she is in foal to Uncle Lino.

Ann also kept Barouchka's 3-year-old Great Notion filly, Brzina, who didn't meet her reserve at the yearling sale.

"Every now and then I like to keep one. She's just a really pretty, nice, put-together filly and I just thought I would rather keep her than sell her for less than I thought she was worth," said Ann. "I've had her in training. She went to the track last fall and got hurt, so she's back at home kind of recovering and in a month or so we'll figure out what to do with her next."

Barouchka is expecting a Holy Boss foal, while her yearling Bourbon Courage colt grows up on the farm before heading to the sale this fall.

The mother-daughter duo of Barouchka and Renaissance Rosie are the only two pregnant broodmares at Fox Harbor this season, as Riveting is not in foal. Though her breeding operation is small, Ann has enjoyed continuing her husband's dream, with the help of her daughter and farm manager Jeff Canoles.

"I learned all the basics from my husband and then I kind of picked up on it, learning how to look at the bloodlines and looking at the nicks, and Win has been interested in it too, so she and I kind of discuss all of the pros and cons of different horses," said Ann. "This line has really been so successful that it's just left a good taste in our mouths."

There's a chance Ann may add to the broodmare band as her current trio gets older, but in the meantime, she will continue the line her husband started with Millashand and support Maryland's Thoroughbred industry in the process, just as he did.

"It's nice to go down and watch the ones that I've bred run. And being in Maryland, that's another real benefit of being the breeder, now that the breeder bonuses are so good, it's really given it an added dimension. I've been really happy to breed to Maryland stallions and sell the foals at Maryland sales, and then benefit from the breeder bonuses."

An Unlikely Partnership

Look through Over the Moon's produce record. You'll notice she has only had three foals, with her last, graded stakes winner Project Whiskey, born in 2017. But if you visit David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco, Md., during foaling season, you'd see the dark bay/brown daughter of Malibu Moon content out in the field, foal by her side.

The mare has not been able to produce her own foals since suffering a dystocia in 2018, where her foal was born dead and the mare nearly didn't survive after undergoing a cesarean section, but has taken on a new role as the nurse mare to fellow Dark Hollow homebred Joy's foals. Joy, a stakes-winning daughter of Safe Journey, is a third-generation homebred from a line started with Safely Home, dam of 1989 champion sprinter and racing Hall of Famer Safely Kept.

Despite five wins and $250,544 earned while with trainer Graham Motion, Joy has always been a bit different.

"The Safely Home family, one thing you can always count on is that they're just friendly, easy, no stress, they love attention, you can mess with them all the time or never mess with them and they're all the same," said JoAnn Hayden. "I remember when we sent her to be broken, Cary Frommer said she was very tough. Just different, you know, tough in a funny way, and when she was with Graham, I know that she was quirky too. Never mean in that way, but she would bite, she would kick."

Her quirks may have been out-of-character, but her talent was not, and the Haydens were eager to continue the long family line as they retired Joy in 2015 and added her to the broodmare band. In 2017, the chestnut mare gave birth to her first foal, an Honor Code colt.

Everything seemed normal, until JoAnn witnessed the unthinkable on a visit to the barn.

"I looked at Joy, as the foal had been getting up and down, and then all of sudden [it was] like a switch went off and she got funny-looking in the eyes, and then she grabbed the foal by the neck and started shaking it," said JoAnn. "I screamed and put a shank on her, just to back her off, and it was like she came to, and we knew that it was too scary, that you couldn't trust her because you couldn't see it coming. It was so normal and then it was heartbreaking."

The mare's unpredictability with her first foal led the Haydens to ship in a nurse mare, who raised the Honor Code colt. As they waited for the mare to arrive, they supervised the foal nursing and noticed that once the foal was finished and removed from the stall, Joy didn't call for him as much as a maiden mare normally would.

When foaling season came the following year, Joy gave birth to a Malibu Moon colt in late February, and remained under strict supervision. The aggressive behavior returned, and another nurse mare was brought in as the Haydens brainstormed a more permanent solution.

According to Dr. Sue McDonnell, founding head of the Equine Behavior Program and Laboratory at PennVet's New Bolton Center, mares reject their foals most commonly as maidens, as they don't understand what the foal is and fear it, though this can be worked through with proper care. Another reason involves adhesions in the mare's reproductive tract, which can be painful as the uterus contracts while the foal is nursing, causing the mare to associate the foal with pain.

However, Joy's behavior toward her foals most closely resembles a rarer reasoning behind foal rejection.

"Just like some stallions will, out of the blue, attack you as if they want to kill you, or like a dog that bites out of nowhere, some mares will do that with their foals," said McDonnell. "The foals are usually seriously injured or killed. We haven't known any mares that didn't repeat later, so with those [cases] we recommend a nurse mare immediately. I've probably only been involved enough to follow maybe fewer than 20 [cases] in all of my career and I've been at this for about 40 years."

After two years of Joy's foals being raised by outside nurse mares, the Haydens found their solution in Over the Moon, using hormonal milk induction. The process, which usually works best with mares that have had foals and have a naturally good mothering instinct, uses hormones to "trick" the mare's body into thinking she is pregnant. When her services are needed, different hormones create mild labor pains and trigger milk induction.

Since the Haydens and farm manager John Foster have become well attuned to when Joy will foal each year, they can prepare Over the Moon at the right time. Once the foal arrives and has supervised nursing time with Joy to ingest necessary colostrum from her milk, it's ready to be paired with adopted mother Over the Moon.

Over the Moon's nurse-mare experience started when she was a foal. Her dam Clever Phrase died while in Kentucky to

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Rank	Sire	2022 Stud Fee / Farm	Avg. Earnings per Rnr
1	**Ghostzapper** Awesome Again (2000)	$75,000 Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	$74,914
2	**Gun Runner** Candy Ride (ARG) (2013)	$125,000 Three Chimneys Farm, KY	$74,861
3	**Paynter** Awesome Again (2009)	$10,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	$69,083
4	**Speightstown** Gone West (1998)	$90,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	$62,658
5	**Curlin** Smart Strike (2004)	$175,000 Hill 'n' Dale Farms, KY	$59,954
6	**Tapit** Pulpit (2001)	$185,000 Gainesway, KY	$56,816
7	**Into Mischief** Harlan's Holiday (2005)	$250,000 Spendthrift Farm, KY	$51,722
8	**Constitution** Tapit (2011)	$85,000 WinStar Farm LLC, KY	$45,818
9	**Runhappy** Super Saver (2012)	$12,500 Claiborne Farm, KY	$44,331
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SARA GORDON

A graded stakes producer in her own right, Over the Moon (left) has raised three foals born to Joy (right), including this 2021 City of Light colt, at David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm in Maryland. Joy, who descends from foundation mare Safely Home, won three stakes and is the dam of three winners but has demonstrated aggressive behavior toward her foals.

be bred after foaling Over the Moon, who was raised by a nurse mare at Dark Hollow.

"It's pretty much been seamless. The mares that they do the hormonal induction with have all had to have foals before, so theoretically they have some maternal instinct, and the process of inducing them, the hormones involved, really brings out a maternal instinct," said Foster. "It's a 14-day process of bringing them along so they can come into milk and by the time you're at two weeks, they're looking at any foal and wanting it to be theirs. With Over the Moon, she was looking for the baby."

"She turned out to be an expert at it," JoAnn said. "She is just very tolerant, but in the same vein, she is not overprotective of the baby. She just likes babies."

Over the Moon has happily assisted in raising the past three foals Joy produced, including 3-year-old Gun Runner filly, Joyrunner, who sold for $145,000 as a yearling and is stakes-placed; a 2-year-old Union Rags colt, who sold for $100,000 as a yearling; and a yearling City of Light colt. Space Odessey, a 4-year-old Malibu Moon gelding, sold for $225,000 as a yearling and has won twice.

"Normally, we have the two mares' stalls separated by one stall, so it's Over the Moon ready, another mare [in between] and then Joy, and when we take the foal out from Joy to go to Over the Moon, she's not in mourning or she's not crazy like you would think, we don't have to tranquilize her or anything," said JoAnn. "Then we put Joy in the other barn with horses that were not with foals. She just doesn't seem to mourn the loss of the foal like you think a normal mare would."

Joy is expecting a foal by Gift Box, possibly in late April. Though Over the Moon has had trouble getting in foal in the past, there's a chance the Haydens may try to breed her back this spring, in hopes of adding another success story to her produce record. But until then, she'll continue serving as the nurse mare for Joy's foals, thanks to the hormonal milk-induction process.

"It's sort of like the Thoroughbreds off-the-track that go on and have a second career, and now these [broodmares], whether they don't have the pedigree really to breed or they have breeding issues, whatever the issue is, can go on and have other careers," said Foster. "I think the commercial aspect of it is starting to come out. A lot of the regular nurse-mare operations are kind of going by the wayside, because they're just producing too many foals and things like that, so it's kind of a win-win for everybody."

For the Haydens, the unique pairing has not only preserved a special Dark Hollow family line, but turned a bleak and despairing situation into one of hope, with two mares serving new purposes.

"Over the Moon is sort of like the farm ambassador and Joy's sort of like the lonely one in the field, but when I think about the fact that these two are just two years apart, and they both are very special horses, and now Over the Moon is helping Joy, it makes us feel so good," said JoAnn.

Lucette's Legacy

Just before the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale, Marjorie Strieter got a call from consignor Marshall Silverman.

"Margie, are you coming to the sale?" he asked.

"No, Marshall, I'm not," she replied.

"You've got to come, I've got this old mare, she's in foal, and you have to buy her," he said.

"I don't need another mare, especially an old mare."

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Lucette, at Marathon Farms in 2016, produced 17 foals – including 11 winners.

So Strieter agreed to make the trip to Timonium, Md., from her home in Mathews, Va., though she didn't make any promises to purchase the mare. Once finally introduced to the 19-year-old daughter of Dayjur, in foal to Orientate, any thoughts of refusing to bid went out the window, and when the gavel hit at $3,500, Lucette belonged to Strieter.

Silverman first laid eyes on the Kentucky-bred stakes winner, in foal to Vindication, 12 years earlier, at the 2005 Keeneland January sale. She'd retired in 2001, following a four-win career for breeder J. Robert Harris Jr. Her first foal was winner Good News, a Siphon (Brz) colt born in 2003, followed by Game Informer, her winning 2004 Awesome Again colt, who sold for $700,000 as a yearling.

Silverman went to $390,000 to secure the mare for Peter Angelos' Marathon Farms.

"Her first foal was by Siphon and it only brought $5,000 [as a yearling] and when I bought her, she had an Awesome Again on the ground that Lane's End sold for $700,000, but that was after I bought her, and I remember Charles McGinnes saying, 'How could you buy a mare whose first foal only brought $5,000, for $390,000?' "

Silverman had a ready reply. "Because I like the mare and she was in foal to the right horse at the time and I thought she had plenty of family."

"It turned out that we did well with her because we sold out of her really well and she was just a nice mare," Silverman said. "She never missed a year, she just got in foal every single year, just a nice mare. She was one of the ones that worked out, you know they don't all work out."

Her first four foals for Marathon were foaled in Kentucky, including Sentebale, a 2005 Vindication filly who sold for $215,000 as a 2-year-old, and Everyday Heroes, a 2006 Awesome Again colt who sold for $400,000 as a yearling and went on to win the Hirsch Jacobs Stakes-G3 before selling to Godolphin.

Lucette's first Maryland-bred foal was Jimmer, an Elusive Quality colt of 2009, born just a few days before Jenna Isennock, Marathon's assistant farm manager, joined the team.

"Lucette was always that kind of mare that you never want to see leave the farm," said Isennock. "She was very 'the same' all the time, she was very sweet, she had no ulterior motives as some mares can have, she was really nice to her foals, she was really nice to be around, overall she was just a classy lady. She understood the way we did things and she was just one of those mares you never had a problem with."

Lucette produced 17 consecutive foals, her first as a 5-year-old in 2003 and the last as a 21-year-old in 2019.

Of Lucette's 17 foals, 13 bred by Marathon, seven sold for six figures as yearlings or 2-year-olds. Fourteen started. Eleven won. Showalter, a son of Quality Road, won five times and earned $235,321 while racing through his 7-year-old season for Marathon.

After his last race, Isennock got a call she wasn't expecting.

"I'm not sure what led the owners to call me but they said 'Hey, we don't plan on racing Showalter anymore, do you want him?' And I said, 'Sure,' and it was pretty much as easy as that," said Isennock. "It was a very full-circle moment, to know this horse since he was born and now, he's mine, and I'm hoping that I will have him for the rest of his life, so that's just very cool.

"It's funny because he's very much like a go-getter, he loves to have a job, and you can't do the same thing too often in a row. He's a hoot. He loves people, like you can go to the fenceline and crinkle a little peppermint wrapper, and he'll be all the way across the field and come galloping to you. He's just really good to be around and everyone that deals with him says he's just one of those horses that exudes class, which I think has to do with Lucette, because of how classy she was."

Downsizing in 2017, Marathon sent Lucette to the sale, along with her Friesan Fire filly and a few other horses. Strieter bought mother and daughter, and brought them home to trainer Kelly Deiter's farm in Chestertown, Md. The Orientate colt Lucette foaled in 2018 died as a yearling, but Strieter still owns Oleg the Mongol, her 3-year-old colt by Divining Rod and Lucetta's On Fire, her 5-year-old Friesan Fire filly.

After Oleg the Mongol, Strieter decided Lucette had done enough and pensioned her, turning her out with old Quarter Horse gelding Mac, who quickly became a friend.

Last February, Strieter noticed Lucette starting to slow down, as her eating habits changed and her health began to decline. Though an antibiotic treatment helped in the short term, she continued to go downhill until Strieter finally made the difficult decision to euthanize her. Lucette was 23. Strieter called for advice on how to bury the mare, and wound up with a fitting tribute.

"We laid the blanket on her and laid her straight out, just like she was laying down asleep, and he just covered her up," she said. "It meant a whole lot to me to have kept her for the years that I did, to give her a good home. Her Divining Rod is the most beautiful thing you've ever seen, he looks a lot like her. He's black like she was and he's got a real odd little white mark on his face. He'll be with me until he dies."

Lucette left a legacy in the careers of her many foals, and a lasting impression on all who had a hand in her life.

"We had her and Willa On the Move, those two were like the crown-jewel mares on the farm," said Isennock. "They were both super easy to deal with and they essentially did their job. They had beautiful, correct foals that went on to the sales ring and brought good money and went on to become racehorses. Everything you could want in a broodmare, that's what those two were. But really when I think of Marathon, Lucette was basically the cornerstone. She was definitely the best mare the farm has ever had." ◆

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Routine Work

Maryland-bred Cordmaker crafts big year thanks to morning ritual

BY SEAN CLANCY. PHOTOGRAPHS BY JERRY DZIERWINSKI.

Set your clock.

Fifteen minutes before the track opens, three racetrack veterans amble down the horse path to the quarter-pole gap at Laurel Park. Eveline Kjelstrup, Matt McCarron and Cordmaker. Push and pull, stop and start, waltz and wander. The 15 minutes are key as the 7-year-old gelding likes—needs—to stand at the gap and eat grass before walking onto the track first and setting off on his routine mile-and-a-half gallop over the Laurel Park main track.

Owned by Ellen Charles' Hillwood Stable and trained by Rodney Jenkins, the son of Curlin rode his routine to a stellar 2021 season, winning four stakes in nine starts, banking $283,500 and earning the overall Mid-Atlantic Championship (MATCH Series) title.

"He's quirky. Very quirky. He likes to know what he's doing, we have a routine with him and we stick with it," said Kjelstrup, a 35-year assistant to Jenkins. "He's the first horse on the track every morning, no matter where we are, no matter what time the track opens. He goes to the track about 15 minutes before the track opens and stands at the gap, he either looks around or grazes. We've found grass at Laurel, we've found grass at Timonium. He just loves to hang out. It doesn't matter what happens, there can be all kinds of commotion going on and he doesn't deviate from eating his grass. When the lights go off, he does his thing out there."

When you win 12 of 34 starts and earn nearly $800,000, yeah, you call the shots.

Bred by Katy Voss and the late Bob Manfuso, Cordmaker fetched $150,000 at the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale in 2016.

By top Kentucky stallion Curlin out of the stakes-producing Tanca, the brawny chestnut began a slow burn, winning one of four starts as a 2-year-old. He bookended his 3-year-old campaign with wins, finishing with his first stakes tally in the Jennings Stakes at Laurel. Coming into his own as a 4-year-old, Cordmaker captured the Harrison E. Johnson, an allowance and the Polynesian at Laurel before tacking on an allowance and the DTHA Governor's Day Handicap at Delaware Park in September. That campaign also included a third—beaten two necks—in the Pimlico Special-G3. Laid up after the Delaware stakes win in September, Cordmaker returned in July 2020 and promptly lost 10 in a row.

McCarron took the blame.

"I inherited him after he came back from his layoff, I was the only rider still left. His regular rider, Katie Domino, left because of Covid and Sabrina Morris wasn't back from ankle surgery, so I was the last man standing," McCarron said. "It was a rather auspicious beginning, he was 5-for-8 or something the previous year, then he went 0-for-10 or something. I tried to get fired from him. I wanted off. 'Please take me off, get me out of here.' I tried my damndest."

No chance. Do you think a show-jumping legend would fire a two-time champion jump jockey from coddling and cajoling—OK, ignoring—a quirky horse with a mind of his own?

And, to be fair, his losing streak included a second in the Deputed Testamony, another third in the Pimlico Special, a fifth in the Maryland Million Classic, a second in the Richard Small, a third in the Native Dancer, a third in the Jennings and a third in the John B. Campbell. Hardly a skid.

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Call it what you will, Cordmaker righted it in 2021. He won his second Harrison Johnson before finishing fourth in the Pimlico Special and third in the Deputed Testamony. A throwback dirt router, Cordmaker went on the road to dominate three rivals in the Victory Gallop at Colonial Downs in August. A month later, he finished second but was placed sixth for drifting out in the Polynesian. He bounced back with another win in the Richard Small Nov. 27 and a poignant win in the renamed Robert T. Manfuso Stakes Dec. 26.

In a normal year, the campaign might have landed a Maryland-bred Horse of the Year crown, or a second older-male title (he won it in 2019). A normal year. National star and multiple Grade 1 winner Knicks Go dismissed that notion for 2021, but nobody is taking anything away from Cordmaker. He's earned $794,640 in those 34 starts, plus breeder bonuses for Manfuso and Voss, owner bonuses for Hillwood, the MATCH money and untold riches in a steadily growing reputation.

"He's a late-maturing horse anyway. He was gangly and awkward as a 2-year-old, just difficult. As a 3- and 4-year-old, just nervous and difficult, of course, talented and we just learned that he enjoys the routine, really, thoroughly enjoys his routine," Kjelstrup said. "The gap thing we found out when Matt started riding him. With his other exercise rider, he liked to stand on the track, he likes to stand and look, he does it in his stall, too, he does it everywhere. He puts his head straight up in the air and looks and he doesn't want to be disturbed from his looking. The problem with that was he wouldn't move. He found himself on the track and he planted himself, that was it."

McCarron, 50, parlayed his natural riding ability and a natural nonchalance to 206 career steeplechase wins (eighth all-time) and continues to use that combination to get along with Cordmaker.

"I didn't know him as a young horse, apparently, he was a handful. He has a special routine. He's spoiled rotten but it seems to work," McCarron said. "I was a little intimidated riding Rodney's big horse, I don't enjoy that kind of stuff anymore, but he's mellowed out. He has his quirks, he has his things he's going to do. The best thing to do is ignore him, stay out of his way and appease him."

Kjelstrup takes the same approach. She simply doesn't listen to McCarron when he threatens–promises–to retire this year. She recruits Peter Brown-Whale from neighbor Tim Keefe's stable to sub for McCarron when he takes a vacation. She moved the stable star from one side of the barn–he hated watching the horses on Keefe's free walker–to the other side where he can watch the action in a round pen, eye a patch of grass, listen to the PA system. As long as they don't sing the National Anthem, he's cool with that. She made sure there's a hole in his stall wall, so he can see a buddy next door. She matchmade groom Vicente Magana with the big horse, hotwalker Gloria Herrera with him, too. Valet James "Bo Bo" Brigman meets him in the paddock for every race. Assistant starter Hugo Garcia knows he's the one to back him into the gate in the afternoon.

"He's a very high-strung, nervous horse, that's gotten less and less, that's improved his performance," Kjelstrup said. "He's just got a little quirk to him, he does his thing and we just go around with it. Making him do stuff doesn't work. He's certainly gotten a lot easier. Keeping him happy, keeping him in the feed tub, it's all about keeping him happy."

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Leading the Way

Big names take the spotlight, but Mid-Atlantic full of stars in 2021

BY PAUL HALLORAN AND TOM LAW

Maryland-bred Knicks Go finished atop most every leaderboard when it came to North American Thoroughbreds in 2021 with five major wins (three of them Grade 1) and a $7,324,140 bankroll in seven starts—on the way to all-but-certain Horse of the Year and champion older dirt male honors.

But he and fellow Maryland-bred Breeders' Cup winner Aloha West weren't the only standouts with Mid-Atlantic ties last year, as several bred and/or raced in the region won a half-dozen or more races and earned into six figures individually.

The Parx Racing-based Sevier finished in a two-way tie for second by wins in North America in 2021 with 11 (just one behind the leader). West Virginia-bred and Maryland-based Super Garner racked up 10 wins and the Pennsylvania-bred mare Chub Wagon enjoyed a near-perfect season with eight victories from nine tries including four scores in open stakes.

Many more made similar marks.

His Name Is Sue

His Name Is Sue, the win leader at Penn National Race Course in 2021, might as well be named His Name Is Clutch—though that wouldn't make a good Johnny Cash song lyric. Of the gelding's six wins at the Grantville, Pa., track last year, two were by a nose and one by a head.

"He knows where the wire is," said David Bushey, managing partner of Bush Racing Stable, which claimed His Name Is Sue with Lacey Gaudet at Laurel Park for $16,000 in June 2020. After one more start at Laurel, Bush sent the Florida-bred to Tim Kreiser at Penn National in October and that has remained his home track.

"Tim and his team have done a great job," Bushey said. "The old gelding is a warrior."

By Kantharos out of the Max's Pal mare Adrinkwithfriends, His Name Is Sue started 15 times in 2021—all but one at Penn National—and in addition to the six wins, registered five seconds and two thirds. Total earnings for the year: $84,596. His career record stands at 14-9-6 from 42 starts after a second in his 7-year-old debut Jan. 12.

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Sevier closed 2021 with a dominant win—his 11th of the year—at Parx.

"He's ultra-consistent," Kreiser said. "He shows up every day and he has heart. He's not the smoothest thing you've ever seen, but he's got heart."

Kreiser attributes a few voided claims to the gelding's "funny way of going," though he maintains there are no physical issues.

"There's not a pimple on him," he said. "He is not one I have to do much with."

His Name Is Sue won a race in January, February, April, June, September and December—and started in every month but October.

"He always grits it out since I've had him," Kreiser said.

Bush Racing, started by David's father, Bryan, with one horse in 2004, also enjoyed its best year in 2021 with 41 wins overall and more than $718,000 in purse earnings.

Sevier

Sevier ranked behind Shinny, who raced at Turf Paradise and Canterbury Park, in North America for the most wins in 2021 and led the way at Parx with nine victories from 10 starts.

Campaigned for most of the year by Morris Kernan Jr., Yo Berbs and Jagger Inc., Sevier started his year with back-to-back wins at Oaklawn Park. He moved to the Mid-Atlantic and trainer Jamie Ness (a co-owner through his Jagger Inc. stable) in the spring and quickly showed a liking for Parx. The Kentucky-bred won four in a row there, finished fifth in a starter handicap, and scored twice more—winning five times in starter allowance and once in starter optional company—before going out of town and finishing second in a starter allowance at Laurel Park in early October. Sevier ended the season with three consecutive wins, one via disqualification, back home at Parx.

Bred by Will Farish, the son of Union Rags twice sold for six figures at Keeneland and won five races for Shortleaf Stable and trainer Brad Cox before getting claimed for $40,000 in November 2018. He's run at 10 racetracks—and for eight trainers—since. He finished the year with 20 wins from 51 lifetime starts, and victories in 12 of his last 16, while pushing his career earnings to $540,431.

Chub Wagon

Chub Wagon came into 2021 a relative unknown, albeit with two flashy victories in late 2020 to start her career. By the end of 2021, the filly by Danny Lopez's stallion Hey Chub, who stands at Delaware Valley University, was well known with a record of 10-for-11 and six stakes victories including a signature score on Black-Eyed Susan Stakes Day at Pimlico Race Course.

"Nice horse; I've got no complaints," said Lopez, who bred and owns the mare with his friend George Chestnut. "She's one, like they say, you take care of them and they take care of you, or vice versa."

Chub Wagon, who won her first open stakes in the Runhappy Skipat at Pimlico in May, ended the year as the leading Pennsylvania-bred by wins and earnings. She won eight of nine and banked $487,400 to narrowly edge multiple stakes winner Beren, who finished second in both categories with seven victories in 12 starts and $469,790.

Chub Wagon earned some time off after her victory in the $200,000 Plum Pretty Stakes on the Pennsylvania Derby-G1 card Sept. 25 at Parx Racing, her first try around two turns. Lopez said that race, a half-length score over Vault going 1 1/16 miles, stands out among Chub Wagon's best in 2021.

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Chub Wagon heads to the track before her Dashing Beauty Stakes win at Delaware Park in July. She won eight races, six stakes, in 2021.

"That was her third time running in 32 days," Lopez said. "She was coming back long, hadn't been long and still won. She got time off after that race. A little R&R. She was going to get it regardless after that race."

Take Me Home

David Bushey went to the 2019 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale with a short list of horses and a fairly strict budget for each. When the bidding for Take Me Home went north of $15,000, Bushey made his final offer.

"I was expecting to pay no more than $13,000, but I stretched to $17,000. I wasn't going to spend one dollar more," Bushey said. "It really worked out for us."

Indeed. The hammer dropped at $17,000 and Take Me Home proved to be a most worthwhile purchase from major owner Joe Besecker's stable reduction, winning 11 races in the Bush silks and earning more than $187,000. That includes an 8-3-0 mark in 15 starts in 2021, when the mare was the wins leader at Charles Town Races.

"We claim our horses and buy very few at the sales, but she really stood out to us," Bushey said. "She's by Take Charge Indy [out of the Giant's Causeway mare Big Team Little Me] and we loved the fact she was starter-allowance eligible. We had options in protected spots for a long time."

Take Me Home began her career in 2018 for owner Patricia Pavlish and trainers Tim Hamm and Michael Salvaggio Jr., winning four times and getting claimed by Besecker in October 2019. She won her only start for the new owner before going through the sale. Anthony Farrior took over training duties in January of last year and the mare made 12 of her 15 starts at Charles Town.

Farrior had his best year as a trainer with 137 wins and more than $2.5 million in earnings. He was second in wins (114) at Charles Town behind Jeff Runco (132), who has won 16 straight training titles there.

"She's not a really big horse–less than 16 hands–but she has a really big heart," Bushey said. "She tries every single time."

Take Me Home raced in 10 months, won races in seven, with a double in March. She raced in Maryland three times–Laurel, Timonium and Pimlico–and finished second every time, but clearly found a home in West Virginia.

"She found a groove at Charles Town," said Bushey.

Muad'dib

Named for the lead character in a science-fiction book series, Muad'dib has been out of this world.

David Raim's gelding won all six starts in 2021 and was the leading earner among West Virginia-breds with $282,236, including the $135,000 winner's share of the West Virginia Breeders Classic. Now 5, Muad'dib is a perfect 9-for-9 in his career, with $333,161 earned.

"He has greatly exceeded expectations," Raim said. "We thought he would have a good year, but . . ."

Raim said he and trainer Jeff Runco knew they had a special horse after he won the Frank Gall Memorial Stakes on the Charles Town Classic Stakes-G2 undercard Aug. 27. On a night with a pronounced speed bias, Muad'dib closed from fifth to win by a neck in his stakes debut.

"That was his first race versus the crème de la crème in West Virginia and it was a really tough race," Raim said. "He had an outside post on a day there was a bias for inside speed. That's when we knew we had something and decided to run in the Classic."

Stretching beyond 7 furlongs for the first time in the 9-furlong West Virginia Breeders Classic, Muad'dib stalked leader Hero's Man, took over by the top of the stretch and cruised to a 2¼-length win.

"That was the race I was really hoping to win," said Raim, who won five stakes on the card. "I had never had a horse hit the board in that race."

Raim bought Muad'dib, who completed the year with a win in the A Huevo Stakes, as a yearling in a private purchase from breeder John McKee. By Fiber Sonde out of the Indian Charlie mare Holy Pow Wow, Muad'dib is named for the lead character in the "Dune," book series, which was made into a movie last year.

The obvious question is whether Raim and Runco will test the waters outside West

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Muad'dib won the 2021 West Virginia Breeders Classic for owner David Raim and trainer Jeff Runco and finished out the year with a victory in the A Huevo Stakes, his sixth of 2021. He heads into 2022 with nine wins in as many starts for his career.

Virginia with their undefeated gelding. That is to be determined, the owner said.

"Jeff is willing to take them out of town. He's done it with Penguin Power, who finished third and second in stakes at Laurel," Raim said of his standout West Virginia-bred who has 14 wins and $371,147 in earnings through Jan. 19.

"It is pretty lucrative in West Virginia," he said. "We're not going to do anything that will take a chance at getting the horse beat up mentally or physically. The priority is to make sure he is in shape for the same three races [Frank Gall, Breeders Classic and A Huevo]. Will he test the out-of-state waters? Maybe."

Alta Velocita

If you asked 10 people to name the leading earner among New Jersey-breds in 2021, at least nine would say Horologist. She would be a logical choice, considering her two wins and two seconds in stakes in New York, which earned her a berth in the Breeders' Cup Distaff-G1.

The correct answer, however, is Alta Velocita, who grinded out six wins, two seconds and a third, good enough for $253,140 in earnings, compared to $247,500 for Horologist.

"In the claiming game you need a lot of luck," said trainer Andy Simoff. "Never in your wildest dreams would you think it would turn out like this."

John Guarnere (Imaginary Stables) and Jeff Matty (M3 Racing Stable)–the new executive director of the Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association–claimed Alta Velocita for $20,000 at Gulfstream Park Feb. 20. They kept her there with trainer Antonio Sano for one more start before turning her over to Simoff, based at Delaware Park for 10 months and Fair Hill Training Center in the winter.

"They were hoping to win the non-1X at Monmouth," Simoff said. "She was in great shape when I got her and we have kept her happy."

Her connections are even happier. The daughter of Il Postino out of the Hit the Trail mare Over the Bridge never finished out of the exacta in eight starts in the Mid-Atlantic (five at Monmouth, two at Delaware and one at Laurel), with six wins and two seconds. She won that first-level allowance against Jersey-breds in May, an open starter allowance in June, a state-bred second-level allowance Aug. 6, and the $110,000 Eleven North Handicap for Jersey-breds Aug. 29 to become a stakes winner.

"She was way back [in eighth place] on the backstretch," Simoff said of the Eleven North. "I thought, 'She's been good to us, but this isn't her day.' Then she takes off and makes a huge run and gets her head down right on the wire. It was a five-minute photo."

The image showed that Alta Velocita had in fact nailed Jersey Jewel on the wire, earning three times as much as they had spent on the claim six months prior.

"She's the gift that keeps giving," said Simoff, who enjoyed a career year in 2021 with 31 wins and $793,857 in earnings. "She's an amazing horse. When she got

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Virginia-bred Chess Chief (6) won the Grade 2 New Orleans Classic at Fair Grounds in March 2021.

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Princess Kokachin topped the Maryland-bred list by wins with seven in 2021.

good, she got really good. We've had a lot of fun with her. She danced every dance and she always shows up and gives you a kick at the end."

The fun continued right through the end of the year with a win at Delaware Oct. 21 and a New Year's Eve allowance score at Laurel.

Alta Velocita's six wins were good for second among New Jersey-breds, just one behind Phonemyposseagain. Campaigned at Charles Town, Mountaineer Park and Thistledown, Phonemyposseagain won seven of nine in 2021 to improve to 23-for-47 in his career. Bred by Bright View Farm, the now 7-year-old son of Posse and the Phone Trick mare Phone Empress races for Diamond Oak Stable and trainer Kevin Patterson.

Chess Chief

Dallas Stewart chased Grade 1 glory with Chess Chief the last three seasons – running the Virginia-bred in three over that span – but didn't come away with a win. The now 6-year-old son of Into Mischief did become a graded stakes winner in that stretch, winning the New Orleans Classic-G2 at Fair Grounds in March, on the way to becoming the leading Virginia-bred by earnings.

"Chess Chief ran against the best and we kept trying to win a Grade 1," Stewart said. "Maybe we'll do it [in 2022]."

Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm and owned by the Estate of James J. Coleman Jr., Chess Chief earned $446,290 from his record of two wins and two thirds in nine starts last season. He also won the $100,000 Tenacious Stakes in December, a win Stewart said was important because it came in New Orleans "right here for the Coleman family. Their father was great about buying this horse."

Ed and Susie Orr's Boldor, a $700,000 purchase at the 2018 OBS April sale of 2-year-olds, finished second to Chess Chief on the list of Virginia-breds by earnings with $217,675 and first by wins with three from 10 starts. He won back-to-back starts in the Sam's Town Stakes at Delta Downs and King Cotton Stakes at Oaklawn Park to start the season and later won the Punch Line Stakes on the grass at Colonial Downs. Bred by Carlos Moore and Gillian Gordon-Moore and out of the Siphon (Brz) mare Senate Caucus, Boldor is 6-3-1 in 22 starts with $426,872 in earnings.

Princess Kokachin

Knicks Go and Breeders' Cup Sprint-G1 winner Aloha West, a finalist for champion male sprinter honors, topped the list of leading Maryland-breds by earnings. Aloha West won five of his nine starts with a pair of seconds to finish the year with $1,311,068 in earnings.

Eric and Nancy Rizer's homebred Princess Kokachin finished atop the list of Maryland-breds by wins with seven, including her stakes debut over a field that included Hello Beautiful in the $75,000 Politely for state-breds Nov. 26 at Laurel Park. The 4-year-old daughter of Graydar started with a maiden win in May at Charles Town for trainer Jerry Robb. She won six of her final eight starts of 2021 racing primarily in Maryland and ended the season with a second in the $100,000 Willa On the Move Stakes at Laurel in December.

Princess Kokachin is the third foal and third winner out of the winning Speightstown mare Serenity Hill, purchased as an unraced 4-year-old by Eric Rizer for $6,500 at the 2013 Keeneland January sale. She won once in five starts for Rizer and produced the Virginia-bred Eskendereya filly Gingeresk in 2015. She won five of 20 starts for Rizer. Sparkle Sprinkle, a filly by Holy Boss produced by Serenity Hill in 2019, won two of six starts and finished third in the Maryland Million Lassie for Rizer and Robb last year. ◆

I'm Done

With the exception of the time that I served as a member of the Pennsylvania State Horse Racing Commission, I have been a member of the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association since the mid-1970s. I even served as president on two occasions (1981 and '82 and then again in the 2000s). In 1981, through the efforts and cooperation of all facets of the industry, the legislature overrode Gov. Dick Thornburgh's veto and enacted full-card simulcasting in Pennsylvania. We were proud of this accomplishment which saved racing in the state. In my mind this pride was tempered when the Speaker of the House told us, in very colorful language, that he didn't care about simulcasting or horse racing but that the bill was the perfect vehicle to use to stick it to the governor.

I became a member of the PASHRC on June 26, 1996. I remember the date because it was Dixie and my 25th wedding anniversary. I had finally been approved by the Senate after my nomination had been held up for months by a senator who had some completely unrelated beef for which he needed some leverage over the governor. I was to replace someone who had been nominated to replace Russell Jones, whose replacement had conflicts of interest that he refused to resolve. Thus my second involvement with state government was as convoluted as the first.

Nothing in state government is ever as it appears on the surface. There are always undercurrents and hidden meanings to whatever happens. As a person who was not a strategic thinker, I was often left bewildered both by the process and the outcomes.

Pennsylvania's commission, during my 13 years of service, was rather unique among the various commissions around the country. We only dealt with Thoroughbred racing (there was a separate harness commission) and the commissioners all had Thoroughbred experience in one capacity or another. Paul Mills was a leading owner and breeder whose son trained the family horses at Penn National; F. Eugene "Fitz" Dixon Jr. was a Jockey Club member with an extensive racing stable trained by John R.S. Fisher and Michael Matz. Later in my term I was joined by Cuyler Walker whose family had owned, bred, and raced horses for generations; Larry Kent an inveterate horse player and close friend of Gov. Ed Rendell; and Dr. Corinne Sweeney, an equine veterinarian and administrator at PennVet's New Bolton Center.

Even with this type of expertise on the commission we were still buffeted by political winds. When it became apparent that slot machines were on the horizon, we were directed by the governor's office to offer no opinions on the matter and to slow walk applications that had been submitted for the two unissued racing licenses in the state. The governor's office wanted as many potential licensees as possible to help push the legislature toward passage of the bill.

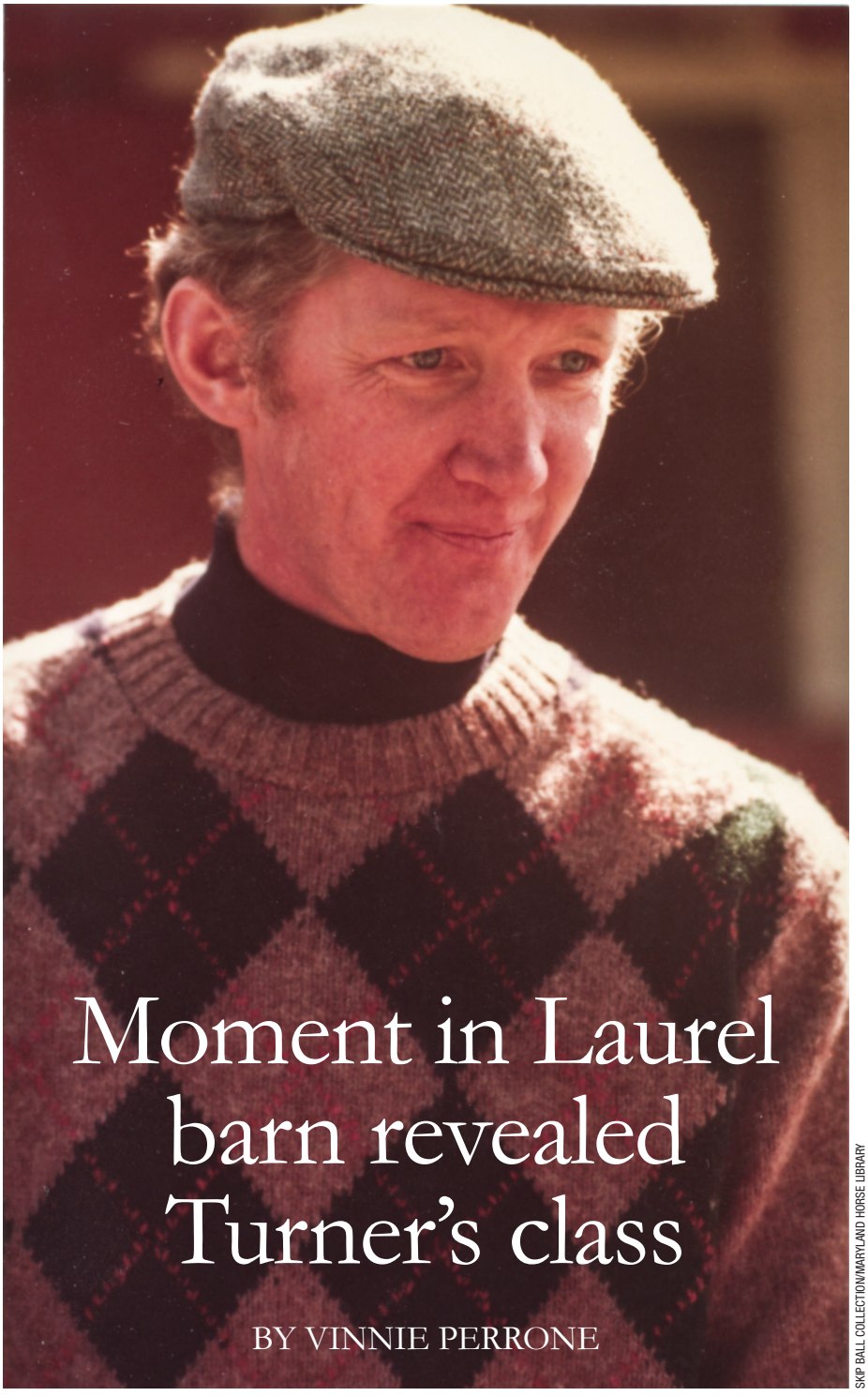
The enforcement of anti-doping rules was another area where I found confusion. I had always assumed that drug testing was a scientific process and, as such, should be relatively cut and dried as to the results of the testing. Pennsylvania spent an enormous amount of horseplayers' money to maintain a state-of-the-art testing laboratory at West Chester University and a research lab at New Bolton Center. But when I attended racing conferences, I heard chemists from various jurisdictions arguing among themselves as to what constituted a positive test result and what machines they needed to arrive at those results. In the 12 years since I left the commission, the entire apparatus for the regulation of racing in Pennsylvania has been changed but there has been no appreciable improvement in that regulation.

And then in December 2020, the Horseracing Integrity and Safety Act was passed by the U.S. Congress and signed by the president. Thoroughbred racing would finally be regulated by one body instead of 38 individual state racing commissions each with its own political and personal agenda. This, it seemed, was what racing had been looking for all along. I believed so deeply in this new approach that I made a serious push to be appointed to the HISA board. While I fell short of that goal, I was impressed by the credentials of the veterinarians, horsemen and businessmen and women selected.

The centerpiece of HISA was the relationship it demanded between the authority and a "leading independent enforcement agency." That agency, under HISA's supervision, would take over the enforcement of the rules of racing which the agency would propose to HISA and be promulgated and approved by the Federal Trade Commission. Everyone who read the act assumed that the agency engaged would be the United States Anti-Doping Agency, a quasi-governmental organization that, on a year-round basis, tests athletes, including equine athletes, who participate in Olympic and Paralympic sports. In a model similar to what was envisioned for horse racing, USADA administers the anti-doping program of the Ultimate Fighting Championships.

Then, on Dec. 24, 2021, a headline in the Thoroughbred Daily News blared, "USADA Unable to Reach Deal with HISA Authority." What? How could this be? Is racing going to stop shooting itself in the foot and put the gun to its head? The article stated that, having reached an impasse in negotiations, the two entities had halted negotiations and that the HISA Authority would pursue a deal with a new independent enforcement agency. As you may have guessed, there are no other independent enforcement agencies with whom to pursue a deal.

Without USADA's involvement the Horse Racing Safety and Integrity Act is a worthless and ridiculous waste of time and racing is no better off. State racing commissions still lack the power to investigate and the courage to enforce their rules. Cheating and favoritism will proliferate like never before and racing will wither and die. If you think that won't happen, I have two seats to sell you on the finish line for the 2022 Arlington Million. ◆



Moment in Laurel barn revealed Turner's class

BY VINNIE PERRONE

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The familiar figure stood plainly out of place. On a dreary weekday morning, spring of 1992, the incongruous image made a drive-by reporter brake suddenly on the Laurel Park backstretch.

What brought this legendary trainer to a nondescript barn back there by Brock Bridge Road? And why in the name of Seattle Slew was he mucking out a stall?

The stranger with a Steno pad and tape recorder entered the open stable and spoke an introduction.

The trainer smiled, moved the pitchfork to his left hand and extended his right. "My name is Billy Turner," he said, "and I'm an alcoholic."

For more than 90 sober minutes, to a meddling scribe he'd never met, Turner retraced his fateful expeditions to racing's outer limits, from his crowning glory with Seattle Slew in 1977 to his drink-driven hell 14 years later. Survive such a journey, he implied that brilliant gray morning, and you'll find joy and redemption just by poking tines through soiled straw.

His cancer-wrought passing at 81, last day of 2021, brought reports of his horse-training acumen, his Pennsylvania beginnings as a steeplechase jockey who, at 6-foot-2, became an assistant to Hall of Fame trainer Burley Cocks and later dispatched a first flat-track winner at Pimlico in 1967. But few referenced his resurrection from a shadow-dance with death, his courage to address it personally and publicly, his ability to train 25 more fruitful years before retiring in 2016.

Billy Turner grasped the paradox: For his first quarter-century of work, as he coaxed the best out of horses, he'd neglected himself. Like beach erosion, it went unnoticed day by day until life teetered at cliff's edge. In even, placid tones he explained how.

"My family never drank, but when I got into the horse business, every place I went, they drank. It's just a way of life. You get up in the morning, have a drink, have a couple, and go out and go to work. And when you're through with the morning work, you have a few drinks and then go to the races in the afternoon. After that, you have a few drinks in the evening. I couldn't see anything wrong with it. I thought it was great."

Why not? His work habits went undisturbed, from Dust Commander's stakes-winning juvenile season (before the colt took the 1970 Kentucky Derby for trainer Don Combs) to Seattle Slew's Triple Crown perfection to Czaravich's 13-for-13 third-or-better finishes.

Nor did it seem to cloud his judgment. After Slew ran his undefeated streak to nine in the Belmont, Turner advised against starting him in California's Swaps Stakes three weeks later. Owners Mickey Taylor and Jim Hill overruled him, and Slew endured his worst career defeat. Lingering frictions put the near-black sensation in Doug Peterson's barn for 1978.

Turner spoke of that time more with contrition than bitterness. "That [Swaps] wasn't part of my agenda, but it was my being young and headstrong and so forth," he said. "I was too much of a perfectionist at the time."

And, as he looked back with new perspective, maybe too naive. "There's a mystique that goes with that kind of horse. It's hard to explain. When you come up with a horse of that caliber, it's no longer yours as a trainer, and it's no longer yours as an owner. The public owns that horse. And so it becomes your duty to the public to keep them informed as to how the horse is doing, what you plan to do with him. I wasn't prepared for that.

"While it was going on, I really couldn't fully appreciate it because I was right smack in the middle of it. I was in the goldfish bowl. The horse had never done

anything wrong. In that situation, you can only make mistakes."

Still, Turner seemed to proceed with near-assembly-line efficiency. Through the '80s and better, he developed some 20 other stakes winners from a stable that never teemed. In corduroys, leather vest and Bristol tweed driving cap, he moved about the New York backstretch a humble, approachable hero. His wife then saw beneath the everyday threads a man in physical tatters. She urged Billy to get help for his runaway drinking.

"I was always able to pull myself together and explain to people that I'm perfectly fine," Billy said. "Actually, I was out of control, drinking around the clock. It just kept me normal. But after a while, your system can't take it anymore, yet you can't stop. If you try to cut down, your system craves it, and you end up having convulsions. You just can't stop without medical help."

On a June morning in 1991, he awoke with a body in rebellion. He couldn't walk, and doctors later attributed the chills that consumed him to a 94.5-degree body temperature.

"When I got to the hospital," he said, "I was on death row."

Hearing the news, a Maryland breeder and friend of Turner's drove to the Havre de Grace, Md., rehab center for support. He recalled Turner's complexion the color of coal ash.

"With everything that happened," Billy said, "I probably shouldn't be here."

His half-dozen runners in training, all of which he owned, were turned out or sold. He spent six weeks in rehab, regained his strength at a farm in Middleburg, Va., and pledged to revive the career he'd loved and squandered. He'd started his flat-training career at Laurel Park; seemed a good place to restart it.

So he'd shown up there with three horses and a solitary aide, Pat Rich, a scientist by training who'd furthered discoveries as horse owner, breeder and exercise rider. As she and Billy did the barn work themselves, he relished the chance to cast old strokes in a new light.

He called the pitchfork less a penance than a blessing. "I'm ahead of the game," he said. "I'm farther along than I've ever been because I can stop and look around now. Used to be I had tunnel vision. I'd drive right down the road and never pay any attention to what was going on around me. Whatever happens now on the racetrack, I know I'll be a better person for it."

Two years later, 1994, Turner won a career-best 46 races. In 2005, his runners cleared $1 million in purses for the first time. He and Pat eventually married.

But the path ahead seemed anything but lush that April day in '92. Beyond that, Turner had shared the most self-disparaging details to a hungry newsman he'd never met. Disclosures of this kind compel reporters, enliven and anoint them. But this was different. It didn't portend an exposé that would right some civic wrong; more a horse-training notable revealing his personal torments. And it would appear not in some small-town rag but *The Washington Post*, daily weekday circulation then exceeding 800,000.

To this waiting bombshell, Turner was shown an escape hatch. He might want to reconsider his potentially self-damaging revelations, however appreciated. No, he said earnestly. He needed to do this for himself, for his recovery, for any others living the misery.

The ensuing "scoop" brought journalistic praise and made its way through the racing press. But who, in truth, deserved the credit?

Two days after the article appeared, a small envelope containing a single note sheet reached the racetrack press box. Handwritten in neat blue cursive, it read, "Thanks for the help — Billy."

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In Memoriam

BILLY TURNER

William H. "Billy" Turner Jr., trainer of the first undefeated Triple Crown winner in racing history, died in Florida Dec. 31 of cancer. He was 81. Best known as the trainer of the history-making champion and Hall of Famer Seattle Slew, Turner was a former steeplechase jockey whose training career spanned parts of six decades and included success on stages large and small.

He retired in 2016, and was diagnosed with prostate cancer almost two years ago. By late 2021, the disease had spread and he was admitted to the hospital Dec. 17 and hospice care Dec. 28. Turner's wife Pat was with him when he died and spent part of his final days reading messages of support from racing fans and peers.

"Billy Turner passed away this afternoon peacefully at home," Pat said in a statement posted on a GoFundMe web page started to help with medical and living expenses. "I want to take a moment to thank every person who contributed to his physical care and lifting him up in your thoughts and prayers. I was able to read him all the messages sharing your kindness and admiration of him. It meant a great deal to me to be able to let him know how loved he was in his last moments."

Born in Rochester, N.Y., Turner grew up in Towanda, Pa. While in college at Emory University in Atlanta, he rode steeplechase horses for future Hall of Fame trainer Burley Cocks and later worked for Cocks in Unionville, Pa., Camden, S.C., and when the stable was at the New York racetracks. Turner rode his first races over timber aboard Carolina Hills in 1958, falling in the Western Run Plate at the Grand National meeting in Maryland, then winning at Rose Tree in Pennsylvania and landing the $1,000 Connecticut Cup at Purchase, N.Y. The duo twice started in the Maryland Hunt Cup, finishing fifth in 1959 and falling in 1960. Turner was the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association's leading amateur jockey of 1960, with seven wins including two with Carolina Hills. Turner rode a few more years, but gravitated to training and saddled his first winner in 1967, the same year he sent out 2-year-old Salerno to win the Remsen Stakes at Aqueduct.

Turner trained 1970 Kentucky Derby winner Dust Commander as a 2-year-old, but reached the top of the sport a few years later with Seattle Slew. The $17,500 yearling purchase in 1975 learned his early lessons with Turner and then wife Paula in Maryland, and made his racing debut as a 2-year-old at Belmont Park in September. He won easily, adding two more wins including the Champagne Stakes-G1 to take the 2-year-old male championship. At 3, he opened with a nonchalant allowance win at Hialeah in March, backed that up by winning the Flamingo-G1 and Wood Memorial-G1 before making history with the Triple Crown sweep.

Turner was fired after Seattle Slew finished fourth in the Swaps-G1 at Hollywood Park three weeks after the Belmont, but the horse was crowned champion 3-year-old and Horse of the Year despite not racing the rest of the year. Sent to Doug Peterson for a 1978 campaign, Seattle Slew won five of his final seven starts and claimed another Eclipse Award as champion handicap male of 1978 before a long, influential career at stud.

In addition to Seattle Slew, Turner conditioned several other graded stakes winners. Czaravich won eight of 13 starts including four graded stakes topped by the 1980 Metropolitan Handicap-G1. Play On finished second in the 1984 Preakness. Virginia-bred Punch Line joined Turner's barn in 1996, and added a dozen wins to a 21-victory career. Highlights included scores in that year's Maryland Million Sprint plus graded wins in the Fall Highweight, Forest Hills, True North and Bold Ruler. Other top horses included Grade 1 winner Gaviola, 1995 Delaware Handicap winner Night Fax and graded winners Finery, Dust Bucket, Pok Ta Pok, Popol's Gold and Eze.

Equibase credits Turner with 533 lifetime wins, starting in 1976. Statistically, his best seasons came in 1994 (with 46 wins) and 2005 (with $1,034,084 in purse earnings). He saddled at least one winner from 1976 through his retirement in 2016.

STAKES WINNERS

Maryland-bred

CORDMAKER, ch.g., 2015, Curlin—Tanca, by Polish Numbers. Bred by Robert T. Manfuso & Katharine M. Voss; owned by Hillwood Stable LLC; trained by Rodney Jenkins. $100,000 **Harrison E. Johnson Memorial S**, 1⅛ mi., 4&up, Laurel, March 13; $100,000 **Victory Gallop S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3&up, Colonial Downs, Aug. 23; $100,000 **Richard W. Small S**, 1⅛ mi., 3&up, Laurel Park, Nov. 27; $100,000 **Robert T. Manfuso S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3&up, Laurel, Dec. 26; 3rd **Jennings S, John B. Campbell S, Deputed Testamony S**.

JOE, b.c., 2019, Declaration of War—Battle Bridge, by Arch. Bred and owned by The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); trained by Michael J. Trombetta. $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship S**, 7 fur., registered MD-bred or sired, 2YO, Laurel, Dec. 18.

LUNA BELLE, b.f., 2019, Great Notion—Heavenly Moon, by Mojave Moon. Bred by Fred A. Greene Jr., Deborah Greene & Hamilton Smith; owned by Deborah S. Greene & Hamilton A. Smith; trained by Hamilton A. Smith. $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Fillies Championship S**, 7 fur., registered MD-bred or sired 2YO fillies, Laurel, Dec. 18; 2nd **Smart Halo S**.

MISS J MCKAY, b.m., 2017, Hangover Kid—Ballykiss, by Street Boss. Bred by Linda Oliff Rohleder; owned by Madaket Stables LLC, Wonder Stables, Tony Weintraub & Brandon M. Dalinka; trained by Christophe Clement. $100,000 **Abundantia S**, 5 fur., turf, F&M, 3&up, Gulfstream, Dec. 31.

Pennsylvania-bred

DANCE CODE, b.c., 2019, Honor Code—Dancinginthestreet, by Street Boss. Bred by Blackstone Farm LLC; owned by Richie's World Stables LLC; trained by Juan C. Vazquez. $100,000 **Parx Juvenile S**, 7 fur., 2YO, Parx, Dec. 29; 3rd **Sanford S-G3**.

DREAMS UNTOLD, ch.g., 2017, Smarty Jones—Shootforthestars, by Seattle Slew. Bred by Patricia L. Chapman; owned by Someday Farm; trained by John C. Servis. $100,000 **Blitzen S,** 6 fur., 3&up, Parx, Dec. 28.

JAKARTA, b.m., 2015, Bustin Stones—T J's Stormy Wit, by Stormello. Bred by Arrowwood Farm Inc; owned by Three Diamonds Farm; trained by Michael J. Trombetta. $100,000 **Mrs. Claus S,** 7 fur., F&M, 3&up, Parx, Dec. 28; 3rd **Giant's Causeway S**.

KAYLASAURUS, dk.b/br.m., 2016, Munnings—Five Diamonds, by Flatter. Bred by Arrowwood Farm Inc.; owned by Bush Racing Stable & Liberty House Racing; trained by Timothy C. Kreiser. $100,000 **Willa On the Move S**, 6 fur., F&M, 3&up, Laurel, Dec. 26.

Virginia-bred

CHESS CHIEF, b.h., 2016, Into Mischief—Un Blessed, by Mineshaft. Bred by Morgan's Ford Farm; owned by Estate of James J. Coleman, Jr.; trained by Dallas Stewart. $400,000 **New Orleans Classic S-G2**, 1⅛ mi., 4&up, Fair Grounds, March 20; $100,000 **Tenacious S**, 1 1/16 mi., 3&up, Fair Grounds, Dec. 26; 3rd **Alysheba S-G2, Mineshaft S-G3**.

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MHBA adds bonuses to state steeplechase races

Maryland-bred Thoroughbreds who race over jumps in the state will be part of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association bonus program in 2022 after the MHBA Board of Directors voted unanimously to begin breeder, owner and stallion bonuses for registered Maryland-breds at sanctioned steeplechase meets in the state.

The MHBA will pay these bonus awards for participants that qualify.

Beginning in 2022, registered Maryland-bred horses that place first, second or third will receive a bonus on purses earned at National Steeplechase Association-sanctioned meets in Maryland. Modeled on the current bonuses paid to Maryland-breds that run at Laurel Park, Pimlico Race Course and Timonium, the steeplechase program includes:

- a 30-percent bonus to the owner.
- a 30-percent bonus to the breeder.
- a 10-percent bonus to the stallion owner, if the horse is sired by a Maryland stallion.

The five meets that qualify for this program this year are: My Lady's Manor, Grand National, Maryland Hunt Cup, Fair Hill, and Legacy Chase at Shawan Downs. The bonus applies to NSA-sanctioned steeplechase and flat races

Douglas Lees (2)

Two of the three races run at Maryland's 2021 Grand National meet were won by Maryland-breds: Todd Wyatt-trained, Robert Meyerhoff-bred Include It (top) won the Western Run Plate II, and breeder-owner Nancy Reed's Awesome Adrian won the Benjamin H. Murray Memorial.

with listed purses at Maryland meets. Bonuses will not apply to training flat races.

"We believe this program rewards those Maryland-bred horses that have successful careers over jumps and the people who breed, own and race them here," said Richie Blue Jr., MHBA president. "This community is an important part of Maryland's horse industry. Much of the land that is called 'horse country' is due to their vision and efforts to preserve green space."

The bonuses provide another avenue for owners and breeders of Maryland-breds, while also offering another incentive to campaign Maryland-bred horses in the state. Monkton-based trainer Todd Wyatt, president of the Steeplechase Owners and Trainers Association, called it a positive step for all. Wyatt won the 2015 Maryland Hunt Cup with Maryland-bred Raven's Choice, who raced for owners/breeders Cary and Ann Jackson, and won two steeplechase races with Maryland-bred Include It in 2021.

"It gives incentive to people to keep participating, there are people in Maryland who breed horses that are in steeplechasing," said Wyatt. "It would have been very cool to have that when Raven's Choice was running. We got Include It from the Meyerhoffs and getting those breeder bonuses to somebody that might not even be aware is a good thing. It has to help jump racing, and it's a nice thing for breeders who aren't necessarily in jump racing too."

All National Steeplechase Association starters are Thoroughbreds, and must be registered with The Jockey Club. NSA meets raise the majority of their purses independently of any state Thoroughbred incentive programs, meaning some horses (and their connections) can be excluded from programs designed to enhance the industry. Headquartered at Fair Hill, Md., the NSA has long had a connection to Maryland including the five current meets and numerous steeplechase owners and trainers. Maryland-based steeplechase trainers include four of the top eight on the NSA leaderboard from 2021 led by Hall of Famer and 14-time champion Jack Fisher, 2021 earnings leader Keri Brion plus Mark Beecher and Cyril Murphy. Maryland-bred steeplechase stars include two-time champion and Hall of Famer Good Night Shirt, 2000s Maryland Hunt Cup winners Raven's Choice, Twill Do, Bug River and others, champion Life's Illusion and Hall of Famers Tuscalee, Jay Trump and Elkridge.

Wyatt said owners and trainers don't necessarily count on state-bred incentives when searching for steeplechase prospects to purchase, but he could see that changing.

"If it comes down to selling a horse to someone who's going to keep the horse in Maryland or someone who is going to take the horse somewhere else, a breeder might consider selling to a steeplechase person," he said. "And if you're looking for a horse as a steeplechase prospect, you might start looking for Maryland-breds because of something like this.

Maryland-bred Stakes Winners

Jim McCue

Cordmaker pays tribute to breeder with Manfuso victory

Hillwood Stable's Cordmaker made the final start of his 6-year-old season count as he stormed down the center of the track to win the inaugural $100,000 Robert T. Manfuso Stakes by 3½ lengths over Workin On a Dream at Laurel Park Dec. 26.

Making his ninth stakes start of the year, and sixth at Laurel, Cordmaker broke from the inside post and settled along the rail in fourth through opening fractions of :23.47 and :47.38. Shackqueenking moved up to pass Workin On a Dream as Alwaysmining faded and Cordmaker pursued the leaders. Moving to the outside as they turned for home, Cordmaker passed Workin On a Dream and Shackqueenking late after 1 1⁄16 miles in 1:44.22.

"Naturally he drew the one hole of all days, but he figured it out," trainer Rodney Jenkins said. "He got around that turn and saved some ground there, and then when they straightened out and Victor asked him, I think he won as easy as he's won any race in his life."

The win was memorable, as the gelding honored the memory of Manfuso, who bred Cordmaker with partner Katy Voss out of their stakes-producing mare Tanca.

"It's all so special," said owner Ellen Charles. "Bob was always my friend. I think Cordmaker is my best horse, an amazing horse who is a great character in the barn. He knows he's special, and he has given us wonderful, wonderful wins. It's just great to be a part of this."

Cordmaker sealed the overall title in the 2021 Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships (MATCH) after being the only horse to compete in all six races in his division (3-Year-Olds and Up Long-Dirt) and winning three–the Manfuso, Richard W. Small and Victory Gallop. Cordmaker ended the year with 49 points.

"Cordmaker is very special," said jockey Victor Carrasco, who rode Cordmaker in all of his starts in 2021 and some before that. "We had a good trip right off the speed, and once we turned for home and he got some daylight, he was gone. It's awesome. He's a good horse and I think it's even better when you have a home-track horse winning the series. I'm just happy for Mrs. Charles, Mr. Jenkins, assistant trainer Eveline [Kjelstrup] and the whole crew in the barn."

From 34 starts over five seasons, the gelded son of

Curlin improved his record to 12 wins, four seconds and seven thirds while pushing his bankroll to $794,640.

A winner at 2, Cordmaker took the Jennings Stakes at 3, and was Maryland-bred champion older male at 4 after picking up wins in the Harrison E. Johnson Memorial, Polynesian and DTHA Governors Day Handicap, along with a third in the Pimlico Special-G3. He returned in 2020 and made eight starts in six months. Though he didn't win, he was second in the Deputed Testamony and Small and third in the Pimlico Special-G3 and Native Dancer.

Cordmaker was purchased by Charles as a yearling for $150,000 at the 2016 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sale. The seventh foal out of Tanca, he is her third stakes winner, along with Corvus (Dance With Ravens) and 2019 Maryland-bred champion 3-year-old filly Las Setas (Seville-Ger). Tanca is the dam of seven starters, all winners, from nine named foals of racing age. Her 2019 colt by Street Sense, a $240,000 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall sales yearling, isn't named; she has a 2-year-old colt by Madefromlucky who failed to reach his reserve as a yearling at Fasig-Tipton Midlantic. Last March, Tanca delivered a filly by Honor Code, and is expecting a foal by Vino Rosso.

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Miss J McKay wins return to stakes company at Gulfstream

Miss J McKay avoided trouble at the top of the stretch and swept to command in the $100,000 Abundantia Stakes by 1½ lengths at Gulfstream Park Dec. 31.

In her first stakes start since October 2020, Miss J McKay found her place mid-pack under jockey Tyler Gaffalione before splitting horses on the turn and swinging wide. She held off Drapes in :55.86 for 5 furlongs on the turf. The daughter of Hangover Kid, now 5, improved to 4-4-2 from 12 starts, boosting her earnings to $315,473.

Bred by Linda Oliff Rohleder, Miss J McKay sold for $1,500 as a weanling to D R Investments at the 2017 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale and was later pinhooked to the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic fall yearling sale, where Maxis Stable purchased her for $55,000. In 2019, she was an $85,000 RNA at the Ocala Breeders' Sales Company's spring sale of 2-year-olds.

Trained for Maxis by Cal Lynch, Miss J McKay won her debut at Laurel Park in July 2019, becoming her sire's first winner. She made her stakes debut next out, where she was disqualified from first to third after bumping rivals in the Colleen at Monmouth Park. She redeemed herself with a win in the Anne Arundel County, for Maxis, Madaket Stables and Wonder Stables.

Miss J McKay closed her 2-year-old season with seconds in the Stewart Manor at Aqueduct and the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship at Laurel. At 3, she finished third in the Lady Shipman at Belmont Park and was second in the Coronation Cup and Music City stakes.

Sold for $300,000 at Keeneland November, she returned in September 2021 for Madaket and Wonder, along with new partners Tony Weintraub and Brandon Dalinka, and trainer Christophe Clement. Miss J McKay finished sixth in a turf allowance at Belmont before returning in late November to win at Aqueduct going 6 furlongs on the turf.

Miss J McKay is the first foal for Ballykiss, a Maryland-bred daughter of Street Boss who has since produced a 2018 colt by Hangover Kid and a 2019 filly by Imagining. Ballykiss descends from one of the best families developed by famed breeder Allaire duPont at her Woodstock Farm, that of Thirty Years. Miss J McKay's graded stakes-winning fifth dam produced four stakes horses, including stakes winner Thirty Flags. Her first foal was the stakes-placed Fair Rosalind (by Exclusive Native), Miss J McKay's fourth dam.

Fair Rosalind one-upped her dam as a producer, first with multiple graded stakes winner Betty Lobelia, an earner of $463,512, and then Crowned. The Maryland-bred champion 2-year-old filly of 1989, Crowned won the Delaware Handicap-G2, finished second in the Coaching Club American Oaks-G1 and earned $605,323. The daughter of Chief's Crown produced 1999 Maryland-bred Horse of the Year Best of Luck and stakes-placed Crown You. Her first of 12 foals was Approve (by Deputy Minister), Miss J McKay's second dam.

Approve was the dam of multiple stakes-placed Xtra Heart and four other foals when she was sold as a broodmare at the 2005 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December sale, to the cover Two Punch, for $100,000, with Green Willow Farms making the purchase. Ballykiss, born in 2011, was her final foal. Sold as a yearling and 2-year-old, Ballykiss last sold at the same 2017 sale as her weanling daughter, in foal to Hangover Kid, with Lady Olivia at North Cliff making the purchase for $2,000.

Last year, Ballykiss was consigned to the Keeneland January sale and sold, in foal to Constitution, for $180,000 to WinStar Farm.

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Maryland Fund Stakes Recaps

Jim McCue

Joe

Maryland Juvenile Championship

$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired, 2-year-olds. Laurel Park, Dec. 18.

B.c., 2019, Declaration of War—Battle Bridge, by Arch. Bred and owned by The Elkstone Group LLC (Stuart Grant); trained by Michael J. Trombetta. Foaled at C-Dog Farm, Chesapeake City, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
3	2 (1)	0	0	$93,580 (through Dec. 18)

2021: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Championship**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 18.

The Elkstone Group's homebred Joe may have an average name, but proved his above-average talent by winning the $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Championship, for Maryland-bred/Maryland-sired 2-year-olds at Laurel Park Dec. 18.

The Declaration of War colt, making his third start, and jockey Victor Carrasco found their place on the outside near the back of the 12-horse field as Royal Spy dueled with favorite Local Motive early. Joe worked into contention after a half-mile in :47.26, and turned for home while making a rally.

Mr. Mox led at the top of the stretch, but was no match for Joe, who drew off by 1½ lengths over Alottahope with Coastal Mission third in 1:25.63 for 7 furlongs.

Joe finished fifth in his debut in October on the turf before returning a month later to break his maiden on the main track for trainer Mike Trombetta.

"We knew he was a really talented horse," Carrasco said. "The first time Mike decided to run him on the turf because he was bred for the turf. He's showed–he's 2-for-2 on the dirt–he's pretty good."

Jerry Dzierwinski

Joe is the fourth foal out of Battle Bridge, a winning daughter of Arch who has produced three winners from four starters including Irony of Reality (Animal Kingdom), third in Gulfstream Park's La Prevoyante Stakes-G3 in January 2021. Elkstone sold Battle Bridge, in foal to War of Will, for $26,000 at last fall's Keeneland November sale.

Luna Belle

Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship

$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., registered Maryland-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Dec. 18.

B.f., 2019, by Great Notion—Heavenly Moon, by Mojave Moon. Bred by Fred A. Greene Jr., Deborah Greene and Hamilton Smith; owned by Deborah S. Greene and Hamilton A. Smith; trained by Hamilton A. Smith. Foaled at Willowdale Farm, Butler, Md.

				Lifetime
starts	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*earnings*
7	2 (1)	1 (1)	2	$126,570 (through Dec. 18)

2021: 1st $100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-old fillies, Laurel, Dec. 18; 2nd **Smart Halo S**.

Deborah Greene and Hamilton Smith's Luna Belle has only gotten better, which she proved by winning the $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship, for Maryland-bred/Maryland-sired 2-year-old fillies, at Laurel Park Dec. 18.

Luna Belle trailed as favorite Jester Calls Nojoy rushed to the lead over Preparefortakeoff through a quarter-mile in :23.81. Jockey Denis Araujo worked hard to hold Luna Belle around the turn, moving outside to catch Jester Calls Nojoy. Luna Belle chased the favorite down the stretch, and pulled to win by 2¾ lengths, with Sweet Gracie third in 1:25.31 for 7 furlongs.

"She had two races there where she had a little bit of trouble," said Smith, also the filly's trainer. "I think we ran the best horse in the Maryland Million [Lassie], but she ran into trouble and got beat. But that's part of racing. Everything went her way today and she showed what she's worth. She's a real smart filly."

Luna Belle was the ninth stakes winner for Great Notion in 2021, and his third in his juvenile crop. The filly made her first three starts at Colonial Downs: a seventh, a third and a win.

She made her first allowance start in September at Laurel, finishing third to Sparkle Sprinkle and Sweet Gracie, before making her stakes debut in the Lassie a month later. She finished fourth, a length behind winner Buff My Boots.

In November, Luna Belle displayed tenacity in the Smart Halo Stakes against open runners, biding time near the back of the pack, about 10 lengths off the pace, before placing second behind Buy the Best.

Bred by the late Fred Greene Jr., his daughter Deborah and Smith, Luna Belle is the fourth winner of five starters for dam Heavenly Moon, Fred Greene's homebred daughter of Mojave Moon who has produced seven foals. Luna Belle is her dam's first stakes winner and a half-sister to stakes-placed Moon Virginia (Jump Start), The Poser (Bandbox) and Chinquapin (Orientate).

Heavenly Moon has a just-turned 2-year-old Great Notion colt named Run Bucky Run, a yearling Bourbon Courage filly named Little Engine, and was bred to Golden Lad for 2022.

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Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
October 1 to October 31, 2021

Breeder bonuses

Talbot J. Albert IV—Spanish Sea: Oct. 9, 5th race, $945.

Alberts Racing LLC—Johng: Oct. 23, 9th race, $3,000.

All Aboard Stables—Miracle Bobbie: Oct. 21, 3rd race, $630.

Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—I'm a Lil Bossy: Oct. 7, 1st race, $750; Oct. 28, 4th race, $4,500. Ink: Oct. 16, 8th race, $2,400. Uncommon Valor: Oct. 21, 3rd race, $1,260; Oct. 30, 10th race, $1,500. Vance Scholars: Oct. 17, 6th race, $7,020. ($17,430)

James M. Anderson—Gavichi: Oct. 31, 2nd race, $1,500.

AS Rennklub LLC—Mahkato: Oct. 30, 1st race, $720.

Barak Farm—Lectric Choke: Oct. 8, 4th race, $1,020. Stroll Smokin: Oct. 28, 2nd race, $1,680. ($2,700)

Barak Farm and Dinos Thoroughbreds LLC—Isabella's Glory: Oct. 14, 6th race, $1,170. Trash Talkin Larry: Oct. 9, 8th race, $945. ($2,115)

Barak Farm and Sharon Dodgen—Backnthewoods: Oct. 22, 8th race, $1,380.

Estate of Earl Barnhart—Love You Much: Oct. 23, 6th race, $1,125. Somekindofmagician: Oct. 23, 9th race, $8,250. ($9,375)

Best A Luck Farm LLC—My Friends Beer: Oct. 24, 5th race, $1,440. Pickin Sea Glass: Oct. 21, 9th race, $1,170. Shemademelucky: Oct. 14, 4th race, $1,890; Oct. 30, 3rd race, $1,500. ($6,000)

Teresa L. Beste—Demo Doctor: Oct. 21, 2nd race, $7,200.

Best Foot Forward LLC—Fore On Seven: Oct. 2, 1st race, $3,780; Oct. 31, 4th race, $3,780. ($7,560)

David Benjamin Bloom—Tyreek: Oct. 8, 1st race, $1,020. Tyreek: Oct. 28, 6th race, $3,060. ($4,080)

Richard F. Blue Jr.—Prince Pere: Oct. 8, 6th race, $2,400; Oct. 15, 6th race, $2,880. Seville Row: Oct. 1, 1st race, $750. ($6,030)

Bonita Farm—Calypso Ghost: Oct. 9, 6th race, $840; Oct. 23, 2nd race, $3,300. He Gone: Oct. 24, 3rd race, $2,760. ($6,900)

Bonita Farm and Partners—Evangeline Allons: Oct. 2, 6th race, $1,500.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—Chelichna: Oct. 24, 9th race, $750.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Adena Springs—Mice and Men: Oct. 23, 5th race, $600.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Street Lute: Oct. 23, 7th race, $1,500.

Dr. and Mrs Thomas Bowman, Dr. Brooke Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—By the Sey Shore: Oct. 15, 6th race, $1,440.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rick Buckley—Gypsy's Image: Oct. 22, 5th race, $630.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and Rebecca Davis—Claire's Darling: Oct. 23, 12th race, $1,500. Double Crown: Oct. 23, 10th race, $3,000. Tom Terrific: Oct. 23, 5th race, $1,200. ($5,700)

Bowman and Higgins Stable—Congress Hall: Oct. 16, 2nd race, $1,260.

Bowman and Higgins Stable and Dr. Brooke Bowman—Unrequited Love: Oct. 14, 8th race, $1,200.

Derek Brown—Sloe Gin Biz: Oct. 31, 6th race, $1,890.

Buckingham Farm and Morgan's Ford Farm—Love My Cat: Oct. 3, 8th race, $1,500; Oct. 24, 9th race, $4,500. ($6,000)

Wes Carter—Sunshineanrainbows: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $5,670.

Henry S. Clark III—Glengar: Oct. 8, 4th race, $3,060.

Copper Penny Stables LLC—Mercury Ten: Oct. 17, 6th race, $2,340.

Cordelia Stables LLC—Imagine Victory: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $1,020. Rebel Victory: Oct. 30, 10th race, $750. ($1,770)

Country Life Farm—Response Time: Oct. 31, 8th race, $2,880.

Country Life Farm and Broken Trust Fund LLC—Wicked Prankster: Oct. 28, 5th race, $960.

Country Life Farm and Estate of Mildred Wilson—Natty Beau: Oct. 2, 5th race, $3,060.

Country Life Farm and Grecian Maiden LLC—Ghost Maiden: Oct. 9, 10th race, $2,760.

Country Life Farm and Imagistic Broodmare II LLC—Sweet Talia: Oct. 14, 4th race, $5,670.

Country Life Farm and Will Do LLC—Bellswillberinging: Oct. 30, 2nd race, $1,890.

Country Roads Ltd.—Lassman: Oct. 8, 2nd race, $1,500.

Crystal Park Stables Inc.—Carolina Ice: Oct. 15, 5th race, $1,440.

Dark Hollow Farm—Betcha by Golly: Oct. 29, 1st race, $750. Ellanation: Oct. 8, 8th race, $3,120; Oct. 28, 7th race, $1,560. Secret Prize: Oct. 16, 3rd race, $750. ($6,180)

D Hatman Thoroughbreds LLC—Notion Interruptus: Oct. 7, 4th race, $1,020.

Double NK Partnership and Dennis Jankiewicz—Disputed Notion: Oct. 22, 7th race, $1,500.

The Etched Racing Partnership—Acadian Girl: Oct. 29, 3rd race, $4,680.

Finale Farm and Mr. and Mrs. David Moose—Hufflepuff: Oct. 16, 1st race, $750. Rock the Boat: Oct. 8, 6th race, $7,200. ($7,950)

Fitzhugh LLC—Lookin Dynamic: Oct. 29, 4th race, $1,680. Sheriff's Kid: Oct. 22, 4th race, $510. ($2,190)

Paul L. Fowler Jr.—Tappin Cat: Oct. 23, 11th race, $3,000.

Charles A. Frock—Tam Char: Oct. 14, 8th race, $2,400.

Gainesway Thoroughbreds Limited—Union Betty: Oct. 17, 3rd race, $630.

Robert E. Gamber—Crying for More: Oct. 9, 2nd race, $510. Crying for More: Oct. 28, 6th race, $1,020. ($1,530)

Robert J. Gerczak—Antipoison: Oct. 9, 3rd race, $960. Arbutus: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $3,060. Miss Old Bay: Oct. 15, 4th race, $1,320. ($5,340)

Cornelia Sloan Gibson—Dixie's Fascinator: Oct. 14, 2nd race, $4,500.

Glenangus Farm LLC—Eifs: Oct. 15, 5th race, $4,320. Iron Pearls: Oct. 2, 1st race, $630. Pearlyville: Oct. 3, 4th race, $1,260. ($6,210)

William R. Gotwals—Polished Gal: Oct. 16, 7th race, $8,640.

Michael J. Harrison DVM—Judi Blue Eyes: Oct. 23, 4th race, $1,500.

Tiffany Harrison and Justin Harrison—San Antone: Oct. 29, 7th race, $3,960.

Terri Haupt—Talented Dr. B: Oct. 14, 1st race, $3,060.

Hearts Desire Farm LLC and Winding Creek Farm—Looks Don't Lie: Oct. 14, 9th race, $945.

Nancy B. Heil—Karan's Notion: Oct. 1, 7th race, $3,120.

Hillwood Stable LLC—Call Me Plucky: Oct. 22, 6th race, $2,400. Hello Beautiful: Oct. 23, 7th race, $8,250. Long Point Beach: Oct. 15, 4th race, $660. Misty's Lass: Oct. 14, 6th race, $2,340. Twist 'n Twirl: Oct. 31, 5th race, $1,380. ($15,030)

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Palumbo—Vinny: Oct. 15, 7th race, $1,170.

Hope Hill Farm—Buff My Boots: Oct. 3, 7th race, $1,035. Buff My Boots: Oct. 23, 3rd race, $8,250. ($9,285)

Kyle Horlacher—Double Fireball: Oct. 3, 6th race, $1,035.

Michael and Debbie Horning—Mint Game: Oct. 23, 1st race, $1,500.

R. Larry Johnson—Blue Sky Painter: Oct. 7, 2nd race, $1,020; Oct. 24, 2nd race, $1,020. King Alan: Oct. 17, 5th race, $750. Oldies But Goodies: Oct. 8, 5th race, $1,035. Sky's Not Falling: Oct. 23, 6th race, $2,250. Street Copper: Oct. 23, 9th race, $1,500. Twelveo'clockrock: Oct. 7, 3rd race, $1,170. ($8,745)

Hope Haskell Jones—Depository: Oct. 16, 8th race, $7,200.

Harry Kassap LLC—Joanie's Sunset: Oct. 29, 3rd race, $1,560. Left Blank: Oct. 9, 1st race, $750. My Thoughts: Oct. 23, 3rd race, $3,000. Samui Sunset: Oct. 1, 1st race, $1,500; Oct. 21, 5th race, $1,500. ($8,310)

Carol A. Kaye—Air Token: Oct. 23, 10th race, $8,250. Birthday Wish: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $1,890. Can the Queen: Oct. 28, 7th race, $9,360. ($19,500)

Carol Kaye, Jeanne Baker and James Boyce—Jack of Hearts: Oct. 30, 10th race, $4,500.

Gordon Keys—Grateful Bred: Oct. 23, 6th race, $6,188.

Wendy M. Komlo—Whatchasaid: Oct. 16, 8th race, $1,200.

Andrea G. Lematta—Ice Rain: Oct. 21, 2nd race, $1,200.

Lewis Family Racing Stable—Hunter Joe: Oct. 7, 6th race, $7,020; Oct. 29, 8th race, $8,640. ($15,660)

Kenneth F. Lowe Jr.—Special Freedom: Oct. 16, 3rd race, $1,500.

Estate of Robert T. Manfuso—Jerry's Turn: Oct. 9, 7th race, $2,340.

Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—Live Aid: Oct. 16, 1st race, $4,500. Moquist: Oct. 16, 6th race, $8,640; Oct. 29, 4th race, $10,080. No More Talk: Oct. 23, 5th race, $3,300. ($26,520)

Marathon Farm Inc.—Bustoff: Oct. 21, 8th race, $6,210. Who U Gonna Call: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $660. ($6,870)

Daniel E. Marconi—Bella Bettina: Oct. 7, 3rd race, $2,340.

Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—Dontcrossfuzzy: Oct. 29, 2nd race, $4,500.

Edwin Merryman and Adena Springs—Awesome Jazz: Oct. 2, 10th race, $5,760; Oct. 28, 9th race, $1,980. ($7,740)

Mezza Luna Farm LLC—Tidal Waters: Oct. 3, 5th race, $4,500.

Mill Hill Stable LLC—Millie Child: Oct. 23, 12th race, $4,125.

Angie G. Moore—Littlebitalily: Oct. 23, 2nd race, $1,200.

Angie Moore and Tiznow Syndicate—Mystic Times: Oct. 8, 3rd race, $1,500.

Kevin P. Morgan—Mavilus: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $1,320.

Morgan's Ford Farm—Nicolar: Oct. 7, 3rd race, $7,020; Oct. 24, 4th race, $5,760. Treasure Tradition: Oct. 7, 6th race, $2,340. ($15,120)

Wayne Morris and Juanita Morris—Broker's Reward: Oct. 22, 6th race, $7,200.

Nancy Lee Farms—Sing a Verse: Oct. 2, 5th race, $510.

No Guts No Glory Farm—Mama G's Wish: Oct. 14, 4th race, $945. Mama G's Wish: Oct. 30, 6th race, $1,890. ($2,835)

Northview Stallion Station Inc.—All for Love: Oct. 9, 8th race, $5,670.

Clarke Ohrstrom—Jardani: Oct. 8, 9th race, $1,380. Lightning Rod: Oct. 28, 5th race, $1,920. ($3,300)

David W. Palmer—Preparefortakeoff: Oct. 21, 7th race, $8,280.

Ronald Harris Parker—Marvella Nasty: Oct. 15, 4th race, $3,960.

Patricia Beck and Richard C. Beck—Phantom Shot: Oct. 7, 8th race, $1,560.

Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—Alpha Queue: Oct. 8, 1st race, $3,060. Factorintheheat: Oct. 1, 2nd race, $6,210. My Candy Girl: Oct. 28, 9th race, $5,940. Paint Music for Me: Oct. 1, 5th race, $630. ($15,840)

Avla R. Pitts—Zola B: Oct. 3, 5th race, $750; Oct. 17, 9th race, $945. ($1,695)

A. John Price—Off Course: Oct. 15, 9th race, $1,170.

Vivian E. Rall—Epic Idea: Oct. 23, 4th race, $8,250. Great Idea: Oct. 22, 6th race, $1,200. ($9,450)

Nancy M. Rizer and Eric A. Rizer—Princess Kokachin: Oct. 14, 8th race, $7,200; Oct. 31, 7th race, $8,640. ($15,840)

Timothy J. Rooney—B Determined: Oct. 23, 1st race, $4,125. Mischiefs Model: Oct. 24, 8th race, $9,360. Money Fromheaven: Oct. 24, 8th race, $1,560. ($15,045)

Alexandro Rubim-Dias—Award Nominated: Oct. 29, 5th race, $8,280. Award Wanted: Oct. 23, 12th race, $750. ($9,030)

Monica Ryan—Nordic Rhythm: Oct. 9, 7th race, $7,020.

Sagamore Farm LLC—Youngest of Five: Oct. 17, 8th race, $10,080.

Shamrock Farm—Caribbean Flow: Oct. 28, 4th race, $1,500. Sue Loves Barbados: Oct. 8, 6th race, $1,200. ($2,700)

Skeedattle Associates—Hot Choice: Oct. 14, 2nd race, $1,500.

Mary Slade—Island Philo: Oct. 3, 5th race, $1,500.

Hamilton A. Smith—I'm Gittin There: Oct. 3, 7th race, $2,070.

Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr. and Deborah Greene—The Poser: Oct. 23, 11th race, $1,500.

James Claude Smith Jr.—Smitten Enough: Oct. 3, 1st race, $4,500.

South Branch Equine LLC—Robert's Luxury: Oct. 9, 3rd race, $5,760.

Matt Spencer and Kelly Cox—Not as Lucky as Us: Oct. 17, 6th race, $1,170.

John D. Stuart—Bust'em Kurt: Oct. 15, 9th race, $2,340.

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—Call It Love: Oct. 2, 8th race, $2,760. Good Life Cider: Oct. 30, 9th race, $8,640. Little Bit of That: Oct. 14, 6th race, $7,020. Rookieoftheyear: Oct. 31, 5th race, $2,760. Torch Carrier: Oct. 1, 6th race, $4,500. Whiteknuckleflyer: Oct. 21, 1st race, $8,280. ($33,960)

Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles—Closertotheheart: Oct. 14, 9th race, $5,670.

James F. Thames—Notion to Tapit: Oct. 29, 2nd race, $750.

The Elkstone Group LLC—Click to Confirm: Oct. 3, 7th race, $6,210. Lifespan: Oct. 3, 1st race, $750. ($6,960)

Thornmar Farm LLC—Canoodle: Oct. 7, 6th race, $1,170. Canoodle: Oct. 22, 3rd race, $2,340. Startwithabang: Oct. 22, 3rd race, $1,170. Wish Me Home: Oct. 2, 3rd race,

$1,500. Wish Me Home: Oct. 15, 1st race, $2,880. ($9,060)

Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—Justwaveandsmile: Oct. 1, 4th race, $4,680; Oct. 17, 4th race, $4,320. ($9,000)

Two Legends Farm—Benandjoe: Oct. 14, 7th race, $2,880. Benandjoe: Oct. 28, 8th race, $2,880. ($5,760)

Walter N. Vieser II—Americas Woman: Oct. 16, 4th race, $750. Americas Woman: Oct. 31, 2nd race, $750. ($1,500)

David H. Wade—Miss Chesapeake: Oct. 22, 3rd race, $7,020.

Maureen Wade—He's a Shooter: Oct. 14, 7th race, $8,640.

Warning Drums Racing LLC—Gleaming Sword: Oct. 8, 2nd race, $750.

Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Greenspring Mares LLC and Bowman and Higgins Stable—Local Motive: Oct. 23, 8th race, $1,500.

Bayne C. and Christina Welker—Princess Teruko: Oct. 24, 7th race, $2,760.

Eric J. Wirth—Candy Corner: Oct. 22, 5th race, $1,260.

Mrs. Frank P. Wright—Cannon's Roar: Oct. 2, 7th race, $1,500.

Lana Wright—El Bochinche: Oct. 1, 6th race, $750. Sick Pack Sara: Oct. 29, 6th race, $4,680. ($5,430)

WWCD LLC—Mattitude: Oct. 16, 9th race, $2,760.

ZWP Stable and Non Stop Stable—Malibu Beauty: Oct. 23, 7th race, $3,000.

Stallion bonuses

Admiral Alex (Crying for More: Oct. 9, 2nd race, $170; Oct. 28, 6th race, $340): Leon Blusiewicz—$510.

Baltimore Bob (Arbutus: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $1,020. Johng: Oct. 23, 9th race, $1,000): Robert Gerczak—$2,020.

Bandbox (Birthday Wish: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $630. Pickin Sea Glass: Oct. 21, 9th race, $390. The Poser: Oct. 23, 11th race $500): Bandbox Syndicate—$1,520.

Barbados (Caribbean Flow: Oct. 28, 4th race, $500. Island Philo: Oct. 3, 5th race, $500. Sue Loves Barbados: Oct. 8, 6th race, $400): Shamrock Farm—$1,400.

Blofeld (Vinny: Oct. 15, 7th race, $390): Blofeld Syndicate.

Bourbon Courage (Double Crown: Oct. 23, 10th race $1,000. Ink: Oct. 16, 8th race, $800. Marvella Nasty: Oct. 15, 4th race, $1,320. Mercury Ten: Oct. 17, 6th race, $780. San Antone: Oct. 29, 7th race, $1,320. Uncommon Valor: Oct. 21, 3rd race, $420; Oct. 30, 10th race $500): Bourbon Courage Syndicate—$6,140.

Buffum (Award Nominated: Oct. 29, 5th race, $2,760. Buff My Boots: Oct. 3, 7th race, $345; Oct. 23, 3rd race, $2,750. Malibu Beauty: Oct. 23, 7th race, $1,000): Buffum Syndicate—$6,855.

Cal Nation (Judi Blue Eyes: Oct. 23, 4th race, $500): Cal Nation Syndicate.

Despite the Odds (Unrequited Love: Oct. 14, 8th race, $400): R. Larry Johnson.

Divining Rod (Bust'em Kurt: Oct. 15, 9th race, $780. Local Motive: Oct. 23, 8th race, $500. Sweet Talia: Oct. 14, 4th race, $1,890): Divining Rod Syndicate—$3,170.

Dortmund (Evangeline Allons: Oct. 2, 6th race, $500): Kaleem S. Shah.

Editorial (My Thoughts: Oct. 23, 3rd race, $1,000): Climax Stallions LLC.

Etched (Calypso Ghost: Oct. 9, 6th race, $280; Oct. 23, 2nd race, $1,100): Bonita Farm Stallion Partnership—$1,380.

Freedom Child (Glengar: Oct. 8, 4th race, $1,020. Millie Child: Oct. 23, 12th race $1,375. Special Freedom: Oct. 16, 3rd race, $500. Tom Terrific: Oct. 23, 5th race, $400): Freedom Child Syndicate—$3,295.

Friesan Fire (Hot Choice: Oct. 14, 2nd race, $500. Who U Gonna Call: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $220): Friesan Fire Syndicate—$720.

Golden Lad (Air Token: Oct. 23, 10th race $2,750. Fore On Seven: Oct. 2, 1st race, $1,260; Oct. 31, 4th race, $1,260. Hello Beautiful: Oct. 23, 7th race, $2,750. I'm Gittin There: Oct. 3, 7th race, $690. Long Point Beach: Oct. 15, 4th race, $220. Sick Pack Sara: Oct. 29, 6th race, $1,560. Tidal Waters: Oct. 3, 5th race, $1,500): Golden Lad Syndicate—$11,990.

Great Notion (Americas Woman: Oct. 16, 4th race, $250; Oct. 31, 2nd race, $250. Closertotheheart: Oct. 14, 9th race, $1,890. Disputed Notion: Oct. 22, 7th race, $500. El Bochinche: Oct. 1, 6th race, $250. Epic Idea: Oct. 23, 4th race, $2,750. Grateful Bred: Oct. 23, 6th race, $2,062.50. Great Idea: Oct. 22, 6th race, $400. He's a Shooter: Oct. 14, 7th race, $2,880. Karan's Notion: Oct. 1, 7th race, $1,040. Little Bit of That: Oct. 14, 6th race, $2,340. Mattitude: Oct. 16, 9th race, $920. Miracle Bobbie: Oct. 21, 3rd race, $210. Notion to Tapit: Oct. 29, 2nd race, $250. Notion Interruptus: Oct. 7, 4th race, $340. Rock the Boat: Oct. 8, 6th race, $2,400. Sing a Verse: Oct. 2, 5th race, $170. Tam Char: Oct. 14, 8th race, $800. Treasure Tradition: Oct. 7, 6th race, $780): Great Notion Syndicate—$20,482.50.

Holy Boss (I'm a Lil Bossy: Oct. 7, 1st race, $250; Oct. 28, 4th race, $1,500. Jardani: Oct. 8, 9th race, $460. Vance Scholars: Oct. 17, 6th race, $2,340): Holy Boss Syndicate—$4,550.

Hunters Bay (Eifs: Oct. 15, 5th race, $1,440): Stronach Group LP.

Imagining (Claire's Darling: Oct. 23, 12th race $500. Double Fireball: Oct. 3, 6th race, $345. Gypsy's Image: Oct. 22, 5th race, $210. Imagine Victory: Oct. 17, 2nd race, $340. Joanie's Sunset: Oct. 29, 3rd race, $520): Imagining Syndicate—$1,915.

Kobe's Back (He Gone: Oct. 24, 3rd race, $920. Trash Talkin Larry: Oct. 9, 8th race, $315): Bonita Farm—$1,235.

Madefromlucky (All for Love: Oct. 9, 8th race, $1,890. Not as Lucky as Us: Oct. 17, 6th race, $390. Rookieoftheyear: Oct. 31, 5th race, $920. Shemademelucky: Oct. 14, 4th race, $630; Oct. 30, 3rd race, $500): Madefromlucky Syndicate—$4,330.

Mosler (Bellswillberinging: Oct. 30, 2nd race, $630. Depository: Oct. 16, 8th race, $2,400. Dontcrossfuzzy: Oct. 29, 2nd race, $1,500. Gavichi: Oct. 31, 2nd race, $500. Ghost Maiden: Oct. 9, 10th race $920. Natty Beau: Oct. 2, 5th race, $1,020. Rebel Victory: Oct. 30, 10th race $250. Response Time: Oct. 31, 8th race, $960. Sunshineanrainbows: Oct. 3, 2nd race, $1,890. Whatchasaid: Oct. 16, 8th race, $400. Wicked Prankster: Oct. 28, 5th race, $320): Mosler Syndicate—$10,790.

Nicanor (Miss Old Bay: Oct. 15, 4th race, $440): Nicanor Syndicate.

Norumbega (Acadian Girl: Oct. 29, 3rd race, $1,560. Nordic Rhythm: Oct. 9, 7th race, $2,340): Bonita Farm and Stuart Janney III LLC—$3,900.

Not For Love (Love You Much: Oct. 23, 6th race, $375. No More Talk: Oct. 23, 5th race, $1,100): Not For Love Syndicate—$1,475.

Orientate (Cannon's Roar: Oct. 2, 7th race, $500. Mavilus: Oct. 31, 3rd race, $440. Prince Pere: Oct. 8, 6th race, $800; Oct. 15, 6th race, $960): Orientate Syndicate—$2,700.

Outflanker (Mama G's Wish: Oct. 14, 4th race, $315; Oct. 30, 6th race, $630): Outflanker Syndicate—$945.

Plan (Mice and Men: Oct. 23, 5th race, $200. Polished Gal: Oct. 16, 7th race, $2,880): Stronach Group LP—$3,080.

Seville (Ger) (Chelichna: Oct. 24, 9th race, $250. Dixie's Fascinator: Oct. 14, 2nd race, $1,500. Left Blank: Oct. 9, 1st race, $250. Mint Game: Oct. 23, 1st race, $500. Pearlyville: Oct. 3, 4th race, $420. Samui Sunset: Oct. 1, 1st race, $500; Oct. 21, 5th race, $500. Seville Row: Oct. 1, 1st race, $250. Sky's Not Falling: Oct. 23, 6th race, $750. Spanish Sea: Oct. 9, 5th race, $315. Tyreek: Oct. 8, 1st race, $340; Oct. 28, 6th race, $1,020): Seville Syndicate—$6,595.

Street Magician (By the Sey Shore: Oct. 15, 6th race, $480. Demo Doctor: Oct. 21, 2nd race, $2,400. Somekindofmagician: Oct. 23, 9th race, $2,750. Street Copper: Oct. 23, 9th race, $500. Street Lute: Oct. 23, 7th race, $500): R. Larry Johnson—$6,630.

Tritap (Tappin Cat: Oct. 23, 11th race $1,000): Tritap Syndicate.

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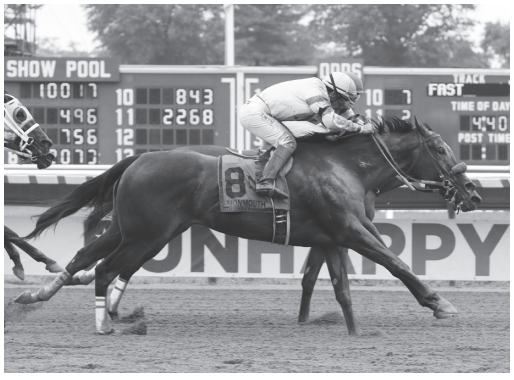

ALTA VELOCITA
2021 Earnings $221,940
Winner of the Eleven North Handicap
Bred by Law Legacy Stables LLC
Owned by Imaginary Stables and M3 Racing Stable

AMATTEROFTIME
2021 Earnings $168,165
Winner of the Charles J. Hesse III Handicap
Bred by New Farm
Owned and trained by Silvino Ramirez

GOLDEN BROWN
2021 Earnings $148,950
Winner of the John J. Reilly Handicap
and Joey P. Handicap
Bred by Esther de Jong
Owned by ABL Stable, Dominic Bossone,
Peter Donnelly and Nadine Schnoor
Trained by Patrick McBurney

GROOVY SURPRISE
2021 Earnings $103,500
Winner of the Smart N Classy Handicap
& Jersey Girl Handicap
Bred and owned by Hope Haskell Jones
Trained by Rory K. Huston

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HE'SPUREGOLD
2021 Earnings $119,750
Winner of the Irish War Cry Handicap
Bred by John Bowers, Jr.
Owned by Roseland Farm Stable
Trained by Kelly J. Breen

CHELSEA DURAND

HOROLOGIST
2021 Earnings $247,500
Bred by Holly Crest Farm
Winner of the Top Flight Stakes
and Summer Colony Stakes
Owned by There's A Chance Stable,
Medallion Racing, Abbondanza Racing,
LLC, Parkland Thoroughbreds, Paradise
Farms Corp, and David Staudacher
Trained by William I. Mott

PICKIN' TIME
2021 Earnings $241,300
Winner of the New Jersey Breeders
Handicap & City of Laurel Stakes
Bred by John Bowers, Jr.
Owned by Roseland Farm Stable
Trained by Kelly J. Breen

PRENDIMI
2021 Earnings $124,485
Winner of the Maryland Million Classic Stakes
Bred and owned by G J Stables
Trained by Luis Carvajal, Jr.

PRINCESS GEORGIA
2021 Earnings $130,061
Winner of the Spruce Fir Handicap
Bred by Reeve Schley III
Owned by C J Racing
Trained by Calixto Juarez

ROSELBA
2021 Earnings $112,262
Winner of the Pinot Grigio Handicap
Bred and owned by Colonial Farms
Trained by Rory K. Huston

SPEAKING
2021 Earnings $122,625
Winner of the Smoke Glacken Stakes
Bred and owned by Holly Crest Farm
Trained by Eddie Owens, Jr.

Dancer honored by Rutgers for lifelong dedication to horse industry

Assemblyman Ron Dancer, who sponsored the legislation to save the future of New Jersey horse racing by authorizing the lease of the Meadowlands racetrack and Monmouth Park to the private sector, has been honored with the Rutgers Equine Science Center's "Spirit of the Horse" award in recognition of his contributions to New Jersey's horse industry.

"Horses have always been a part of my life and I am honored to be able to give back to the equine industry, not only because it has been so impactful personally, but also because it is such an important part of New Jersey's identity," Dancer (R-Ocean) said.

Dancer is the son of the late famed harness horse racing driver Stanley Dancer and professionally raced and trained harness horses from 1968 through 1998. He has served on the boards of numerous equine organizations, including the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Sire Stakes, the U.S. Trotting Association, and the New Jersey Racing Commission.

As a lawmaker since 2002, Dancer has worked to ensure the sustainability of the equine industry. His legislation constitutionally dedicated revenues from sports wagering to horse racing purses. Additionally, Dancer was chairman of the USTA's racing helmet safety research and development committee that established a standard of safety for the manufacture of drivers' helmets.

Rutgers Equine Science Center Horse Management Seminars

Due to the in-person group meeting policies, and to make the event as convenient as possible for all attendees, The Rutgers Equine Science Center has decided to keep the Horse Management Seminar as a virtual format for one more year. The format will be similar to last year, and will instead consist of three Tuesday evening webinars on February 8, 15, and 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Each webinar will feature two speakers who will focus on "Recent Advances" in Health, Genetics, and Nutrition. Each evening will focus on one topic area and will end with an "Ask the Expert Live" panel hosted by Dr. Carey Williams, Equine Extension Specialist and the Associate Director of Outreach for the Rutgers Equine Science Center, as well as the evening's speakers. Attendees will have time to ask questions about the presentations and are also encouraged to bring questions to the webinars based upon the subject area for that night.

The schedule includes:

February 8 – Recent Advances in Veterinary Medicine
"New Advances with Equine Diseases – Lyme, EHV, PHF, and more!"
By: Dr. Mark Crisman, DVM, MS, DACVIM, Senior Veterinarian, Equine Technical Services, Zoetis
"What is new, tried and true with equine rehabilitation and conditioning?"
By: Dr. Sarah Gold, DVM, DACVSMR, B.W. Furlong & Associates

February 15 – What's New in Equine Genetics and Health
"Genomics in the horse industry: discovering new questions at every turn"
By: Dr. Samantha Brooks, University of Florida
"Equine Metabolic Syndrome: What is ID, why do we care and how do we manage?"
By: Dr. Amanda Adams, University of Kentucky

February 22 – Recent Advances in Equine Nutrition
"Nutrition and rotational grazing, metabolism and microbiome"
By: Dr. Jennifer Weinert-Nelson, formally Rutgers University, currently USDA-ARS Post-Doc, Lexington, KY
"New findings on CBD/Hemp in Horse Nutrition"
By: Anna Collins, Murray State University

Attendees can register for one specific webinar or for all three at the same time using the same link. The webinars are FREE to attend, however in order to facilitate a more engaged live audience with the speakers they will not be posted to the archived webinars immediately after the program.
For questions, please contact Dr. Carey Williams at carey.williams@rutgers.edu.

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Ken Orchard and his buddies that form Jet M Stable are reducing their broodmare and racing prospect herd. If you are interested, contact NCTA by email and your inquiry will be forwarded. The following is a list of horses for sale:

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In foal to Giant Surprise:
Princess Janet

Not in foal
PJ Hooker (Mare)

Congratulations to breeders Beth Muirhead and Nancy Shuford, whose horses showed up in the winner's circle. Also, a "well done" to those whose horses had a trip around the track this reporting period.

/Rebecca

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Racing Review

Champagne Camie, by Speightster out of Ice for the Lady (by Flatter), won at Del Mar Nov. 26 for breeder Beth Muirhead. The 2-year-old bay filly ran 5 furlongs on firm turf in :58.08. She broke from the number six post, sped up to take the lead and held it, proving she was much the best to win by 1 ¼ lengths.

Hostile Princess, by Outwork out of Why Lucy Why (by Why Why Why), won at Turfway Park Dec. 5 for breeder Nancy Shuford. This was the second straight win for the bay 3-year-old filly. Hostile Princess ran one mile on an all-weather track in 1:37.71. She quickly took the lead, set the pace throughout the race separating herself from her rivals in the stretch to win by 4 lengths.

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Please take the time to fill this out for your racing stock. Please list all horses even the ones I already have so I can keep our stable updated. Use another page if need more room.

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Weigelia: Durability in a well-proven stallion

by Emily Shields

If you look up "durable" in the dictionary, you might find a photo of Weigelia.

The son of Safely's Mark—Turning North, by Obligato, was a study in longevity and class, and is passing these desirable traits down to his offspring. With 74% winners from starters and progeny earnings just short of 12 million, Weigelia has been a reliable member of the Pennsylvania stallion roster.

"If you look at his numbers, they speak for themselves," said Barbara Wheeler of WynOaks Farm in Delta. "But he's our best kept secret."

Weigelia was no secret on the racetrack, breaking his maiden by 9¼ lengths at Calder in October 2003. He ran for a $40,000 tag that day, and although he was not claimed, breeder Shelley Huber sold him to Joseph Balsamo after the win. In the care of trainer Manuel Azpurua, Weigelia became a consistent face on the Florida circuit, winning a Calder allowance race at 36-1 that December, then trying graded company at Gulfstream Park.

Six months after his debut win, Weigelia picked up his first stakes victory in the $75,000 Padua Stables Sophomore Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs. He added the $40,000 Western Borders Stakes a month later, and two months after that scored in the Grade 3, $300,000 Carry Back Stakes.

Weigelia was good enough to hit the road, and he proved he belonged with the best sophomore sprinters when third in the $150,000 Amsterdam Stakes-G2 and second, beaten a length and a half, in the $250,000 King's Bishop-G1 at Saratoga. He was consistent but frustrating, missing in stakes company at Keeneland before winning at Calder that November. That was his last win until June 2005, when new trainer Michael Trombetta got him back into the winner's circle at Monmouth Park.

Gutty and hard knocking, Weigelia won the 2005 Jack Dudley Sprint, ran third in the Grade 2 Smile Sprint in 2006, and added both the Hockessin Stakes at Delaware Park and the Grade 3 Kenny Noe Jr. Handicap at Calder. His final win came in the 2007 Ponche Handicap, but he also placed in that year's Grade 3 Jaipur at Belmont Park. Weigelia continued to race through 2008,

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winning 13 of 48 starts with nine seconds and 11 third place efforts. He earned $1,007,708.

Around the time Weigelia was done racing, Wheeler was looking for a stallion. "Ed Price was keeping an eye out for us," Wheeler recalled. "He came across Weigelia, who was an 8-year-old coming off the track. We made an appointment to go look at him, and much to our surprise given his age, he was up on his hind feet with a big guy handling him. But he's always been like that, an in-your-face kind of horse; not mean or vicious but he wants to make sure you see him."

Wheeler and husband Chip were able to negotiate with Balsamo, who they already knew personally. "He was a client at our Maryland farm for years," Wheeler said, "and I think Joe wanted him to go to a good home."

Weigelia doesn't sell himself on looks—according to Wheeler, he is "seemingly average to look at. He's just 16 hands and doesn't have that presence of a really big stallion."

But Weigelia is a true professional. "He still manages to settle most of his mares on the first cover," Wheeler said. "He's so lickety-split in the breeding shed that he will basically walk himself up to the barn, do his job, and walk himself back to his stall."

Although sire Safely's Mark is not a household name, the son of Danzig and the Breeders' Cup winning mare Safely Kept won three of 10 starts in allowance company in New York. Weigelia's dam Turning North was a stakes winner with 19 top-three efforts in 29 tries. Both of her foals to race were winners.

Armed with his back-class pedigree and his honesty on the track, Weigelia entered stud in Pennsylvania in 2009. The results have been absolute: with 178 horses of racing age (minus the new crop of juveniles), 140 have raced and 103 have won. They earn an average of $4,121 per start and $85,160 per starter.

A big name under Weigelia is Storm Advisory, an Oaklawn Park stakes winner who was also graded stakes-placed at Gulfstream Park. Bred in partnership by Wyn Oaks Farm, Otto Draper and Epona Equine LLC, Storm Advisory debuted in 2014 and is still in training, having run 84 times with 16 wins and 40 top three efforts. Talk about durable!

Stakes winner Smooth B, out of Katarica Disco, has run 39 times and has earned $528,288. Another remarkably consistent sort, he has 19 top-three finishes in his career, and has run well all over the Mid Atlantic circuit, as well as New York. Stakes winners Disco Ebo and Fat Kat are his full sisters. Beren, out of Silmaril, is a five-time stakes winner at three different tracks with earnings are just short of half a million. Brenda's Way, Chippewawhitechief and Barracuda Wayne are all Weigelia stakes winners.

"The best part about him is that if people are looking to breed to race, you can count the checks coming in the door," Wheeler said. "The Weigelias seem to do it over any distance, any surface, and any kind of weather. He has proven himself over and over again at different tracks and surfaces. If you take a horse that ran short one time, then turn around and go two turns, they'll still show up!"

The Wheelers will send some 20 to 25 of their own mares to Weigelia this spring, and will also be supporting new stallion Command Post, a stakes-placed son of Harlan's Holiday.

"We are testing the waters with him," Wheeler said of Command Post. "We like his babies and want to see how they are on the track."

Unlike Weigelia, who is beyond proven at this point. "We've taken back a couple of the Weigelias off the track simply because they are so durable," Wheeler said. "We made Pink Princess and Isabella Swift broodmares, and Chippewawhitechief retired sound and became one of our teasers."

With Weigelia, breeders know what they are getting. "He stamps all of his foals the same," Wheeler said. "They aren't huge when they come out, which means they look like classic racehorses."

There's no more coveted prize than a true, durable racehorse.

A few words from the Executive Secretary

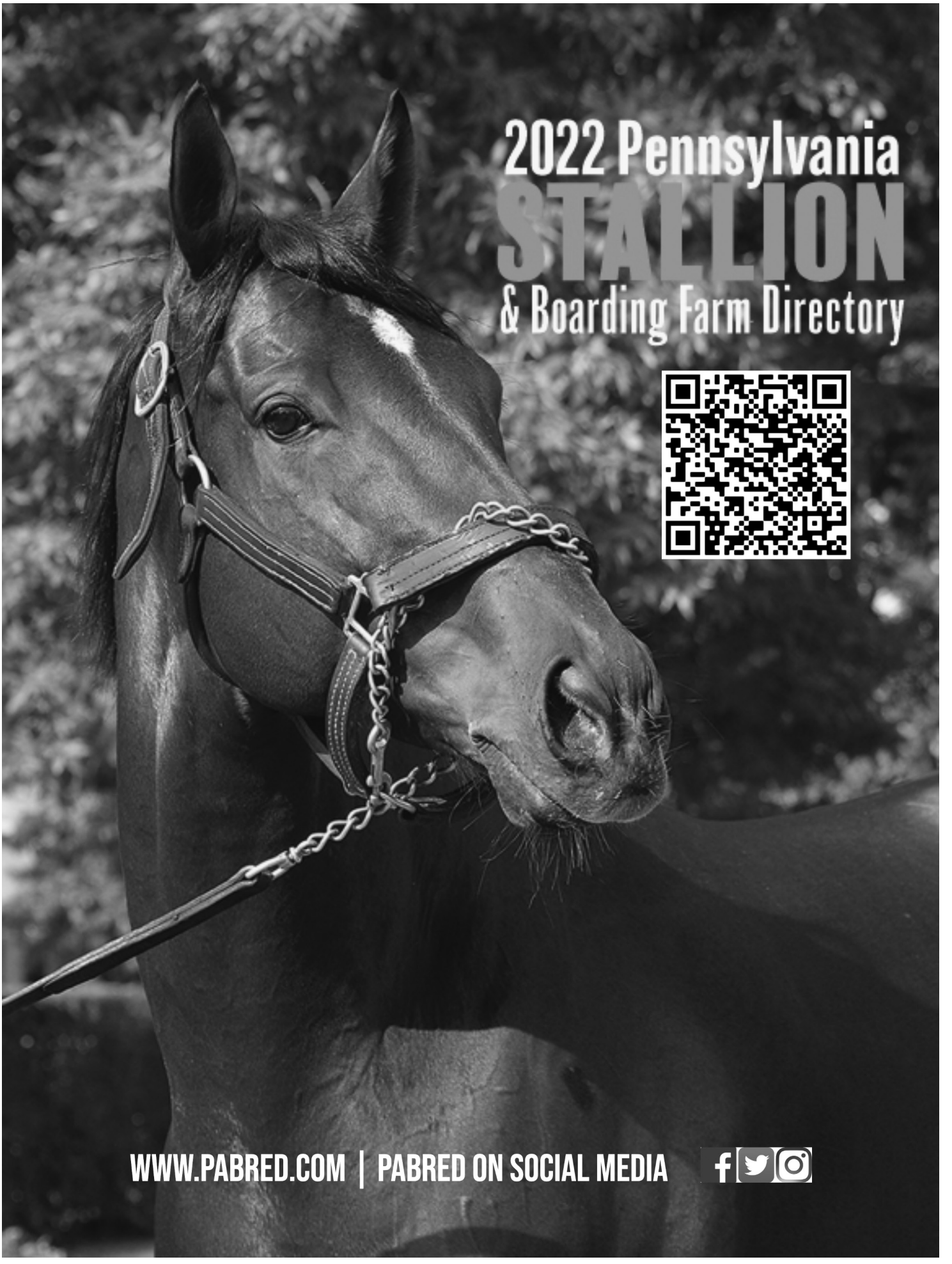
A new breeding season begins in a couple of weeks and the excitement starts to build! Will this foal be the third PA-Bred to win the Kentucky Derby. Now is the time to get your mare ready for a PA Stallion. There's never been a better time to breed in Pennsylvania—50% PA-Sired, PA-Bred Breeder Awards for all maiden races, 1st through 3rd, run in Pennsylvania (25% for all other PA-Breds). The PA-Bred program has paid out an average of almost $29 million the last nine years, offering 400 restricted races and 23 restricted stakes annually. How's that for stability! Remember, if you purchase a mare in foal at a public auction after Dec. 1, she must be brought into the state within 14 days of purchase through foaling (60 days if purchased at an overseas sale). During the foaling year the foal or its dam must spend at least 90 days in the state in order for that foal to be eligible to become a registered PA-Bred. You can also bring in your mare anytime, stay 60 consecutive days through foaling and breed back to a PA Sire. That's the way to go!

After the 50% Maiden Breeder Awards, you'll receive 40% for the rest of your horse's career, whether you still own the horse or not. Wow! We have new exciting additions to our program like enhanced Stakes purses, PA-Sired, PA-Bred races along with a couple surprises.

You'll be able to find that PA Sire in our new 2022 Stallion and Boarding Farm Directory you should have received a few weeks ago—view or download a copy of the directory at www.pabred.com.

Don't forget to fill out your membership form online by March 31 in order to receive voting privileges, an invitation to PA Day At the Races and a free subscription to the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred and the Trainer magazine.

We wish all of our breeders and stallion owners the best of luck in 2022! Go PA!!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PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through November 30, 2021

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	392,233	392,233	Susan C. Quick	119,276	0	119,276
Glenn E. Brok LLC	208,886	99,508	308,394	Richard Simoff	116,138	0	116,138
William J. Solomon VMD	172,375	96,338	268,712	SW Young Racing LLC dba A1A Racing	85,964	28,817	114,781
Blackstone Farm LLC	252,023	156	252,179	Luana J. Johnson	93,499	20,817	114,316
Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	190,138	47,722	237,861	Godstone Farm LLC	108,145	0	108,145
Arrowwood Farm Inc	232,742	0	232,742	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	83,110	24,669	107,779
Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	46,479	146,066	192,545	Thomas G. McClay	106,288	0	106,288
Sylmar Farm Inc.	145,523	0	145,523	Nick J. Polydoros	96,470	0	96,470
St. Omer's Farm	142,972	0	142,972	Angelo Zalalas	93,027	0	93,027
Patricia L. Chapman	85,087	46,491	131,577	Richard N. Miller	74,335	15,469	89,804
Pewter Stable	99,221	30,378	129,599	Mark Brown Grier	84,034	0	84,034
Barlar LLC	114,635	4,977	119,612	Donald L. Brown Jr.	69,479	11,673	81,152

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	519	189,919	Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	105	25,697
Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	255	146,066	Bullsbay	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	78	22,698
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	201	87,042	Golddigger's Boy	Luana J. Johnson	61	20,817
Uncle Lino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	111	75,853	Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	75	16,693
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	154	72,391	Lord Shanakill	William J. Solomon VMD	79	15,599
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	162	71,480	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	54	14,652
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	107	46,491	Cat Thief	Michael W. Jester	32	14,473
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	135	35,894	Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	26	11,673
Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	108	34,775	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	35	11,353
Last Gunfighter	William J. Solomon VMD	104	30,419	Red Vine	DB Dojo LLC	20	8,983
Peace and Justice	S W Young Racing LLC dba A1A Racing	66	28,817	Flashy Bull	James E. Hess	8	8,675
Winchill	Pewter Stable	33	27,917	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	35	8,662

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Bonus	Total
Beren *	Weigelia - Silmaril	Susan C. Quick	7	118,200	119,276	28,699	22,640	288,815
Wait for It *	Uptowncharlybrown - Kimberley Diamond	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc	.5	157,380	81,790	20,448	3,600	263,218
Chub Wagon	Hey Chub - Takin the Plunge	Joe-Dan Farm Inc.	5	190,200	54,240	0	0	244,440
You Must Chill *	Winchill - Only Me	Mark Brown Grier	6	109,500	84,034	21,009	14,400	228,943
Disco Ebo	Weigelia - Katarica Disco	St. Omer's Farm	4	115,200	88,164	20,316	3,360	227,040
Admiral Abe	Midshipman - Precious Penny	James Walker	8	59,400	53,894	0	50,592	163,886
Just One Time	Not This Time - Ida Clark	Warriors Reward	4	117,600	32,292	0	3,360	153,252
Ninetypercentbrynn *	Weigelia - Amblin Easy	LC Racing LLC	11	17,160	65,428	14,360	33,716	130,664
Precious	Fed Biz - Brilliant Sunshine	Newell Thoroughbreds Ltd.	6	87,400	28,304	0	9,600	125,304
Trolley Ride *	Flashy Bull - Proudly Irish	Sandra Kim Eshleman	4	81,280	34,700	8,675	0	124,655
Marvalous Mike *	Uncle Lino - Restless Summer	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	8	19,600	64,600	14,986	22,160	121,346
Li'lbito'charm *	Smarty Jones - Li'lbito'sunshine	Nick J. Polydoros	14	0	70,178	17,544	32,984	120,706
Hey Mamaluke *	Jump Start - Pu Dew	Joseph T. Capriglione	2	62,160	29,100	7,275	0	98,535
Don't Call Me Mary *	El Padrino - Monette	Richard Simoff	1	59,400	29,700	7,425	0	96,525
Fortheluvofbourbon	Bourbon Courage - Nosubstituteforluv	Hidden Acres 4D Farm LLC	5	56,400	22,102	0	15,460	93,962
Champion by Design *	Jump Start - More Than This	Stephen M. Hayes	3	57,600	28,800	7,200	0	93,600
Vault *	Jump Start - Di's Delight	Barlar LLC	2	57,000	28,500	7,125	0	92,625
I Am Redeemed	Redeemed - One Smart Philly	Lawrence Anthony Rebbecchi Jr.	6	58,200	25,980	0	7,200	91,380
Ravens Delight	Great Notion - Darn That Raven	Sylmar Farm Inc.	6	69,090	20,261	0	1,156	90,507
Miss Dillingham *	Jump Start - Dillingham	Thomas G. McClay	12	0	45,318	11,330	31,299	87,947
Billieanne *	El Padrino - Best Around	Richard Simoff	8	0	47,278	10,776	29,688	87,742
Prince of Rain *	El Padrino - Cimarron Rain	Angelo Zalalas	9	9,400	47,788	11,459	16,032	84,679
Inspired Options *	Bullsbay - Spunky Sparrow	Cynthia M. Bartkowski	12	0	44,775	10,433	21,608	76,816
Morning Matcha	Central Banker - Home Ice	Crane Thoroughbred Services LLC	3	19,600	27,776	0	29,280	76,656

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Pennsylvania Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association

February 2022

Dear Horsemen,

Jeff Matty, Jr.
PTHA Executive Director

Happy New Year to you, your families, and your friends! As we embark on 2022, I wish you health, success, and good luck both on and off the track this year. Accepting this role as Executive Director of the PTHA was an honor that I have not and will not take lightly. I will fight for you day in and day out, not only on our backside but state-wide and nationally. As a kid in Bensalem, I fell in love with horse racing right here, on the rail, when I was about ten years old.

Ever since then, racing has meant the world to me. My favorite part about the game is you, our racing family & community. Many of you were born into thoroughbred racing, some of you chose it, and others landed into it for many different reasons. No matter your reason, we all share two common traits that will bond us forever - the love of the horse - and the passion for competition. My main job is to protect, defend, and promote your rights as horsemen so we can not only continue to participate in this great sport together at Parx but to carry it into the next generation.

Thank you so much for the outpouring of support I have received. It has been a great pleasure getting to know most of you so far, and I look forward to continuing to get to know each one of you. My door is always open. Thank you for allowing me to work for you.

Thank You & Good Luck At The Races,

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Leading Apprentice Jockey - Jonathan Ocasio
Winningest Horse - Sevier

2-Year-Old Female
Advocate Harbor
Alice Harper
Alrashaka
Crazy Serena
Disco Ebo
Golden Essence

2-Year-Old Male
Beast Or Famine
Dance Code
For the Dreamers
Mr Sandman
Practical Coach
Smarten Up
Vine Jet
Witty

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Flashing Diamond
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Sweet Willemina
Thorny Tale
Why Why Paul Why

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PTHA Trophy Race Winners

Date	Horse	Jockey	Trainer	Owner
2021-12-01	Start Meee	Paco Lopez	Mike Pino	David Strauss
2021-12-08	Lady Bernadette	Luis Rivera	Ruperto Perez	Ruperto Perez
2021-12-15	Blue Paynt	Silvestre Gonzalez	Ilkay Kantamarci	Krawkow R. LLC & America's Pastime St.
2021-12-22	Sweet Turn	Julio Correa	Donald White	Jane White
2021-12-29	Silipo	Julio Correa	Donald White	Keith Leonard

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1/1/2022

Courvoisier (Tapit - Take Charge Brandy by Giant's Causeway)wins the **Jerome Stakes** at Aqueduct with trainer Kelly Breen over Parx Hall of Fame Trainer Freddie Velazqez's *Smarten Up* (American Freedom - Sarah Cataldo by Smarty Jones), owned by Happy Tenth Stable and ridden by Anthony Salgado. It is likely there will be a rematch of the three top finishers returning to the **Withers Stakes** on February 5th.

1/18/2022 The gray 1st-time starter *Battle of Berlin* by Frosted & jockey Silvestre Gonzalez won Tuesday's 1st race for trainer Bobby Mosco & owner Stefcon Racing LLC going 7 furlongs at Parx Racing.

1/8/2022

Battle Station (Warrior's Reward - Uriel by Unbridled) & jockey Kendrick Carmouche were put up for the 2nd place finish in the **$100,000 Say Florida Sandy Stakes** at Aqueduct after the horse that crossed the finish line My Boy Tate was disqualified from 1st to 4th place. The hard-knocking 7-year-old gelding is trained by Daniel Velazquez & owned by Robert D. Bone & Edward Rusty Brown.

1/17/22 Double win day for trainer Felix Flores-Coba in Monday's 6th race with PA Bred *Call Me G Q* with jockey Edwin Rivera & owner Mr Ree Stable & Gary Matthew going 7 furlongs at Parx Racing

1/17/22 *Milton the Monster* & jockey Frankie Pennington win impressively in Monday's 9th race at Parx Racing going 7 furlongs for trainer John Servis, owners Robert Brittingham, James Wasserson & Louis Bisso, Jr.

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South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

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Racing Across the Nation

South Carolinian Hamilton Smith not only trains Luna Belle, but he also bred her with Deborah Greene and her father, the late Fred Greene. Hammy continues to own the filly with Deborah. On Dec. 18, Luna Belle proved best in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes at Laurel Park. She trailed the field early before overcoming the frontrunner at the sixteenth-pole and drawing away to cross the finish line 2¾ lengths in front. Luna Belle went through the breaking process with Hammy's brother, Franklin "Goree" Smith, at his Elloree Training Center.

On Dec. 26, Buy the Best gave her connections a day-after-Christmas present, capturing the Gin Talking Stakes for 2-year-old fillies at Laurel Park. Buy the Best was second between rivals going down the backside. She took the lead in upper stretch and drew clear to win by 2 lengths. This filly is owned by Hope Jones, a longtime supporter of the Webb Carroll Training Center. This was Buy the Best's fourth win in a row. In six starts as a juvenile, she had four wins, a second and a fourth with career earnings of $177,480.

A return to racing activity

During 2021, we took a step toward normalcy. We were able to experience the return of some racing–The Carolina Cup, The Steeplechase of Charleston and the King's Tree Trials. We look forward to their 2022 renewals along with the return of the Aiken Trials (March 16), the Elloree Trials (date TBA) and the Aiken Spring (March 26) and Fall (date TBA) Steeplechase.

McCutchen Training Center success stories

We are always happy to hear good news stories from our training centers. SCTOBA Vice President Debby McCutchen reports Rustler, a son of Dominus, was purchased by the McCutchens as a yearling in 2019. As a 2-year-old, they ran him in Maiden Special Weight company at Churchill Downs and Keeneland and finished third both times. They then sold him to one of their clients, PT and K Stable, SCTOBA members, and he has gone on to record three wins, two seconds and two thirds in 10 career starts. Rustler captured the Carle Place Stakes at Belmont Park in his last start and has career earnings of over $220,000.

Another graduate of the McCutchen breaking program, the colt Beverly Park, was a winner at Keeneland Oct. 27, the day the South Carolina Equine Study Committee was attending the races. Beverly Park won eight races in a row last year at 4 and also has earned over $220,000 during his career.

Debut Winners

The racing game is all about anticipation. When the anticipation of a debut race results in victory, that is a thrilling moment for all of the connections. Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training Center reports Sue's Shoes provided that moment Nov. 22 as she led wire-to-wire at Finger Lakes.

Meraviglioso, who also was broke under Durr's care, captured her first career start at Aqueduct Dec. 9.

Bullet Butch, who came up through Cary Frommer's breaking program, won his career debut at Parx Nov. 22.

Elloree Stallions

One of the goals of the South Carolina Equine Study Committee is to bring about enhancements to promote the Thoroughbred breeding industry in our state. There are only a few stallions covering mares and not many South Carolina-breds.

Goree Smith's Elloree Training Center is proud to report three SC-breds won races in November. What a Tart won at Mountaineer Park Nov. 9 and Fifty Seven Chevy found the winner's circle at Mountaineer Park Nov. 10. Both were bred by Goree and sired by his stallion, Straight Talking. The question of the day is, is Fifty Seven Chevy named after the vehicle Goree drives?

Classy But Sassy is a SC-bred sired by the Smith owned stallion Hugo. She was a winner at Mountaineer Park Nov. 21.

Straight Talking progeny racked up three more victories in December. Sand In My Shoes was a winner at Penn National Dec. 3. Fifty Seven Chevy won again Dec. 5 at Mountaineer Park and Odds and Ends found the winner's circle at Mountaineer Park Dec. 13.

Elloree Training Center graduate Luna Belle won Laurel Park's $100,000 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship in December.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

(Horse, Training Center, Date, Track, Type of Race)

Horse	*Training Center*	*Date*	*Track*	*Type of Race*
LUNA BELLE	Elloree Training Center	12/18/21	Laurel Park	Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S
CV's Powerpack	Aiken - Hammond/Garza	12/18/21	Charles Town	Allowance
Rooski	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/17/21	Aqueduct	Allowance
Friar Laurence	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/17/21	Turfway Park	Allowance
Nantucket Red	Elloree Training Center	12/17/21	Tampa Bay Downs	Allowance
Gianna's Gift	Elloree Training Center	12/17/21	Fair Grounds	Starter Allowance
Winter Sunset	Elloree Training Center	12/16/21	Turfway Park	Allowance
River Crossroad RVF	Shuler Stables	12/16/21	Charles Town	Allowance
Faudah	Aiken - Cary Frommer	12/14/21	Mahoning Valley	Maiden Special Weight
Odds and Ends	Elloree Training Center	12/13/21	Mountaineer Park	Maiden Special Weight
Zawish	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/11/21	Turfway Park	Allowance
Leeloo	Aiken - Cary Frommer	12/11/21	Aqueduct	Maiden Special Weight
Hollis	McCutchen Training Center	12/10/21	Oaklawn Park	Allowance
Touch of Class	Elloree Training Center	12/10/21	Fair Grounds	Allowance
I'm Looking Up	Kirkwood Stables	12/9/21	Delta Downs	Allowance
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Hosanna	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/6/21	Mahoning Valley	Maiden Special Weight
Amazon Queen	Webb Carroll Training Center	12/3/21	Tampa Bay Downs	Maiden Special Weight
Lady Thornhill	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	12/2/21	Aqueduct	Maiden Special Weight
Grace Elizabeth	Shuler Stables	12/1/21	Charles Town	Allowance
Beverly Park	McCutchen Training Center	12/1/21	Oaklawn Park	Starter Allowance
Bess	Elloree Training Center	11/30/21	Penn National	Allowance
Water's Edge	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	11/27/21	Aqueduct	Maiden Special Weight
Ylikedis	Kirkwood Stables	11/26/21	Fair Grounds	Allowance
Unequivocal	Elloree Training Center	11/25/21	Laurel Park	Starter Allowance
A Life That's Good	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/24/21	Finger Lakes	Allowance
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Sue's Shoes	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/22/21	Finger Lakes	Maiden Special Weight
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Elusive Edge	Webb Carroll Training Center	11/20/21	Aqueduct	Starter Allowance

VIRGINIA

Virginia's 2022 horse racing calendar takes shape, highlighted by 9-week Thoroughbred meet at Colonial Downs

The Virginia horse racing calendar for 2022 is quickly taking shape and again includes a combination of thoroughbred, steeplechase and harness racing events.

Action kicks off in late winter/early spring with a series of Point-to-Point single-day steeplechase meets followed by a trio of NSA sanctioned jump programs later in spring, an expanded nine-week pari-mutuel summer thoroughbred season at Colonial Downs in New Kent, a four-day harness race meet during the Shenandoah County Fair followed by an extended pari-mutuel fall campaign at Shenandoah Downs, then finishes with a four-pack of NSA sanctioned fall jump meets.

Horses will compete over the Secretariat Turf Course at Colonial Downs for nine weeks in 2022 (Coady Photography).

The Point-to-Point (PTP) season kicks off March 5 with the Rappahannock PTP at The Hill in Boston, VA followed by the Warrenton Hunt PTP on March 19 at the Airlee Race Course, the Piedmont Fox Hounds PTP on March 26 at the Salem Course in Upperville, the Old Dominion Hounds PTP on April 9 at the Ben Venue Farm in Ben Venue, the Blue Ridge PTP on April 17 at the Woodley Farm in Berryville, the Loudoun Hunt PTP on April 24 at Morven Park in Leesburg, and the Middleburg Hunt PTP on May 1 at Glenwood Park.

The Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA) will fund a starter reward program for the Point-to-Point season for a fourth straight year. The well received initiative began in 2019 and has helped increase participation in the two-month series.

Every time a Virginia-owned or Virginia-trained horse makes a start in any PTP race, the owner will receive a $200 starter reward. The bonus is designed to increase steeplechase participation at all levels, from owner-rider divisions to open hurdle and timber divisions. In 2019 --- a pre-Covid year --- a total of $31,800 in rewards were paid out from 159 Virginia horses that participated in seven spring meets.

"The VEA recognizes that the Point-to-Point circuits are a vital element of steeplechase racing and we want to do everything we can to promote and support the Point to Points in Virginia," said VEA Executive Director Jeb Hannum. "The Point-to-Points are an important first step for many horses. They also give young riders an opportunity to compete before going to the sanctioned meets."

More details on the Point-to-Point races can be found at centralentryoffice.com.

The National Steeplechase Association sanctioned meet schedule includes the Middleburg Spring Races on April 23 at Glenwood Park, the Foxfield Spring Races in Charlottesville on April 30, and the Virginia Gold Cup pari-mutuel slate of action on May 7 at Great Meadow in The Plains. More information is available at nationalsteeplechase.com. Dates for the fall jump meet slate, which include the three noted along with the Montpelier Hunt Races, will be announced in the coming days.

Heading into summer, Colonial Downs will host an expanded nine week season of flat racing action every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 1:30 PM in New Kent from July 11 – September 7. The 2021 campaign was seven weeks in length.

Purses, which averaged $522,000 last year, are projected to average $600,000 per day over the 27-day campaign in 2022. Stakes race dates will be announced soon including the 19th running of the Grade 3 Virginia Derby. There will be an expanded Virginia-Restricted program for Virginia-Certified horses and popular horsemen bonus programs will return --- a $1,000 minimum purse award for every horse that starts, and a $300 trainer bonus for every starter.

VTA Stallion Season Auction set for Wednesday, Feb. 9

Mark your calendars for the annual VTA Stallion Season Auction on February 9. Open bidding is available that day from 10 AM - 8 PM and can be made by phone at 540-347-4313 --- no bids will be accepted by e-mail. Final bidding will be conducted the next day, on Thursday February 10, among the high bidders on each season to close the auction. Potential bidders are encouraged to pre-register up until the 9th.

The VTA event is an open auction and breeders from all states are welcome to bid. The resulting foals do not have to be foaled in Virginia or registered with the Virginia Breeder's Fund. All seasons will be sold on a no-guarantee basis unless otherwise noted.

Operators will be standing by to take bids during the VTA Stallion Season Auction February 9 (VEA Photo)

Select stallion seasons may be available after the auction closes for outright purchase on a first-come, first-served basis at set prices determined by the season donor and/or the VTA Stallion Season Auction Committee beginning at 11 AM on Friday February 11.

A full list of seasons and auction details is at vabred.org. Anyone with questions can call Debbie Easter prior to the auction's start at 434-531-2480.

Ground breaking held for Virginia's largest historical horse racing facility – "The Rose Gaming Resort" in Dumfries, Virginia

Virginia's horse racing industry took another big step forward on January 11 when a ceremonial ground breaking took place in Dumfries for "The Rose Gaming Resort," a nearly $400 million gaming facility, hotel and public park set to open in 2023.

The Rose is Virginia's first casino-sized gaming facility that's technically not a casino. By state code, gambling at "The Rose" will be limited to off-track betting and historic horse race betting machines, which are similar to slot machines.

The Rose is projected to employ about 600 people and generate an estimated $11 million in annual tax revenues for the town of Dumfries and an additional $8 million for Prince William County when fully operational, according to an economic development study prepared for Colonial Downs.

"We couldn't be more excited to take this next step towards bringing more well-paying jobs, increased tax revenues to this region and the commonwealth," said Aaron Gomes, chief operating office of Colonial Downs Group, which is building The Rose. "We will do it by building a top-notch tourist destination right here."

A ceremonial ground breaking took place for Colonial's next HHR project at "The Rose" in Dumfries (VEA photo).

The gaming resort will feature a hotel with up to 305 rooms, eight restaurants, a 1,500-foot conference and meeting space, a cultural events center and 50,00 square feet of gaming space. Colonial Downs, which will own the gaming facility, has promised the project will be accompanied by a new public park.

Colonial Downs opened Rosie's Gaming Emporium, a smaller gaming outlet, a year ago in the Triangle Shopping Center in Dumfries. It will close when The Rose opens.

State Sen. Scott Surovell, D-36th, said The Rose will allow Dumfries and Prince William County to get a share of the tax revenue generated by Virginia residents who travel to Maryland to gamble.

"What has always bothered me is the $350 million going across the bridge every year" to the MGM National Harbor Casino in Maryland, Surovell said. "What this does is create an opportunity for Virginia money to stay in Virginia and go to Dumfries."

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Common Denominator: Family

I recently attended a gathering of horsemen and politicians concerned over the future of Thoroughbred racing in West Virginia, and how they could effect a positive solution for an industry that employees thousands.

To increase awareness, in the Halls of Charleston, the thought process of legislators in attendance leaned heavily on the progressive education of fellow lawmakers, particularly those with little to no exposure to the sport.

A second key issue addressed by policy-makers was for local horsemen, who reside and work in the Northern Panhandle, where horse racing is prominent, to communicate their situation to the inhabitants of the southern portion of West Virginia.

Obviously, the difficulty is to find a common denominator, since dramatic geographical, social and economic lines of diversity exist.

A method of unity came to me while sitting outside of church and watching the assemblage of parishioners file in for Sunday service. . . Family!

West Virginia's character is founded in the word family.

It is anchored in our Mountain heritage charm.

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I believe horses inspire hope and each generation takes pride in their life's work, thus lets begin by charting just the surface of Charles Town's racing family heirloom.

This may provide a statewide link, justifying why racing's future is essential.

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"My name is Paul Espinosa Jr and I am a 4th generation horsemen, presently the announcer at Hollywood Casino at Charles Town Races and Slots. I graduated from West Virginia University, with a Degree in Journalism and horse racing is in my blood."

Paul's great-grandfather was Sam Gilman, a jockey's agent, and his grandfather is 83-year-old former jockey and multiple stakes-winning trainer Victor Espinosa.

His father is Paul Espinosa, who worked as Charles Town Races' Publicity Director in the 1980s and 90s, and is currently a Delegate for Jefferson County.

Paul's uncle Victor was employed by Equibase (official supplier of racing information and statistics), for over 20 years and aunts Mindy and Michelle have substantial experience working at the racetrack.

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Betty and Hank Stehr made and shared a lifetime of memories at the racetrack before their ascension into heaven.

Originally from Durango, Colo., Betty was as comfortable on the back of a horse as the ground, while Hank born and raised in Pipestone, Minn., served in the Army during the Korean War and trained horses the better part of his life.

The couple are survived by some of the hardest-working and resilient individuals I've ever met.

Tony Stehr (son), an all-purpose horsemen, alongside his wife, Linda Dollinger-Stehr, have a farm on the outskirts of town, which is home to nearly every conceivable animal, while at the track, Linda ponies in the morning and their official trainer of record at night.

Joe Stehr (son) is a trainer-blacksmith-exercise rider, and his calloused hands tell a tale of sunup-to-sundown labors.

His wife Lyn manages a nearby grocery store and assists with the farm chores when needed.

Vicki Stehr (daughter), and her girl Tabitha help manage the farm, which includes multiple stallions and a variety of broodmares.

Like peas and carrots, these two live by the family credo, "If you try and lose, then it isn't your fault, but if you don't try and lose, then it is your fault."

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In his meteoric rise, as one of the most influential Thoroughbred breeders in the state of West Virginia, James W. Casey, with his dearly departed wife, Eleanor, founded Taylor Mountain Farm, which remains the bellwether of excellence for the industry.

The success of their expansive operation is contingent upon his immediate family and dedicated crew in barn 11.

At 92 years old, Mr Casey is still actively involved in the stable's daily

routine, though generously assisted by son John and his partner Kristy Petty.

John and Kristy's son, Allen, is a fixture at their barn on Kabletown Road, and has become quite an athlete while attending Charles Town Middle School.

Dr. James M. Casey (eldest son) has trained and raced Thoroughbreds throughout the Mid-Atlantic and is a founding member of NAARV (North American Association of Racetrack Veterinarians), while sister Ann has taught school for over three decades.

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Edwin "Punkie" Tobin is 63 years old and first stepped foot on the backstretch at the tender age of 6.

Along the way, many trials and tribulations have marked his path, but if you are fortunate to know this man, you'll realize every twist and turn in the road has been met with optimism and strength of purpose.

He is the embodiment of why the learning curve in this sport is so deep.

According to Punkie, you are either staying or straying.

Son, Josh Tobin (31), currently is on the starting gate crew and learned the horse business from the ground up, having been a hot walker, groom and assistant trainer.

Punkie's daughters Rachel (37), his valued second in command for his modest stable, and Ashley (33), groom for trainer Lela Hanigan, are youthful in appearance, but old school in knowledge.

Punkie's brother Mike is a grizzled veteran of many turf wars, and due to his diminished physical capacity limited to holding horses for the blacksmith.

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After holding numerous posts on the racetrack, Elizabeth Meehan struck-out on her own in 2000, and has not looked back as she continues to be a well-respected and hard-working trainer.

With mostly West Virginia-bred talent in her shedrow, Elizabeth, alongside her husband Jason, a supremely gifted blacksmith, have formed a strong bond of togetherness, as they raise their two children, Megan and Elias.

Elizabeth is a stout advocate for Aftercare Programs (finding homes for retired racehorses) and enjoys spending her spare time re-purposing those individuals.

Her love of horses has definitely been passed down to her shadow and fellow horse enthusiast Megan, while son Elias is adept at anything mechanical.

Both parents assume he'll eventually master his father's profession.

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By listing just five families, obviously this is only a microcosm of the myriad of households, whose past, present and future depend on horse racing, as their primary source of income.

Any disruption in this process will adversely affect the local/regional economy, outsource jobs to neighboring states and potentially destroy the fabric of a century old profession.

Political passivity could result in negative consequences.

If legislators could spend just one day on the backstretch, and familiarize themselves with this business, they would understand the unique nature of this industry and those who toil in service to it's heartbeat. . . the racehorse.

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- West Virginia offers year-round racing with approximately 300 race days per year.

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Top of the charts

Martin Chamberlin may not be making the history himself, but he's writing it down

By Betsy Burke Parker

Most jobs in horse racing are easy to understand. You ride them, you train them, you bet on them, you lead them around until they stop taking sips of water.

The chart caller's role isn't as easy to comprehend.

Martin Chamberlin, National Steeplechase Association chart caller for 30 years, describes this job that's equal parts art as it is science as painting a verbal picture using industry shorthand. He's recorded pretty much every single stride taken by every single horse in every single steeplechase every single year since 1991.

Charts – such a short word to describe the big story they tell – carry an aura of inviolability. On the surface, racing's black-and-white information database merely reports the play-by-play. A race chart has all the data: race details, each runner – listed in the order of finish but showing their position in the race at each point of call and lengths behind. It lists the winner's stats, all the owners and trainers, riders of course and weights, along with claiming prices and if a horse was claimed.

But they're more than that: at their heart, in the so-called "short comment" and the "footnote," there's a very human element, an interpretation of powerful minutia that makes horse racing one of the globe's most exciting sports.

Chart calling isn't taught in school, rather it's more of a trial-by-fire apprenticeship. There are about 100 chart callers in the U.S., an elite fraternity (and it is male-dominated, though the late Ann Barker was the longtime NSA caller) that

Martin Chamberlin *©Tod Marks*

speak their own language.

"Everyone has their own style," Chamberlin explains. "I kind of think there's no need for flowery words. I just write what happened. I think that's enough."

Chamberlin has patterned his terminology after the illustrative chart descriptors in England's Racing Post. "Drew clear" was Chamberlin's short comment about 2020 NSA champion Moscato's 11-length laugher in the June 2020 Temple Gwathmey Stakes at Glenwood. Two short words was all it took to say "Wow, what a performance by this very fast, very talented horse."

In the longer "footnote" area at the bottom of the one-page chart, Chamberlin can be more descriptive, though the reporting is still crisp. He uses a lot of commas to race through the notes: "Moscato (GB) was rated mid pack, moved to third in the final mile, drew clear after the last fence. Balisauris (IRE) went unhurried early, closed well, not troubling winner. Rashaan (IRE) raced up close early, dropped back to last, then rallied after final fence."

"Chart callers are essential for the permanent record," maintains NSA director of racing Bill Gallo. "It is a tough task to call our races – oftentimes the weather can be an issue, and the complete viewing of our races can also be challenging.

"Martin Chamberlin is a student of the game. He looks at it in a very analytical way."

How it happens

The veracity of the historic record of any sport is no better than its record-keepers and record-keeping.

Even without betting at most jump meets, the chart caller's job is still hugely relevant. "This is the history of the sport," he says, but there's a less glamorous need for fast, accurate documentation of every horse in every race. "A lot of these (spring and fall circuit hunt meet) horses will be showing up over the summer" in jump races at the major tracks, Chamberlin notes. "The steeplechase charts tell the story so people can make an educated assessment" with their wagers.

Much like chart calls at the flat track, steeplechase charts follow a predictable trajectory – starting position, a few calls during the body of the race, one or two in the stretch, and finish position with lengths behind noted.

Since there are rarely helpful painted poles marking points of call like at the track, Chamberlin makes up his own. "My favorite courses – Fair Hill, Far Hills – those you can see the whole course," he says. "The

ones that are hardest are the timber courses where the horses go out of sight."

He records the action using his own verbal shorthand on two handheld tape recorders, and backs up the observations on the taped replay footage in the stewards' stand.

The process

NSA chart caller Martin Chamberlin explains there's more to it than writing down the margins.

◆First, you have to get there pretty early to beat the traffic. Otherwise, you're late.

◆ Next, you have to get all the scratches and changes and weights and confirm everything. You're making the records, writing the history. It has to be right.

◆ My tools are two handheld tape recorders plus my 10x50 binoculars, plus the race program.

◆ To make my charts, which I (voice) record, I assign every horse an ID. It might be the program number, or I (also) use letters. Maybe the first letter of the horse's name.

It's all about efficiency.

◆ I memorize the horse, the ID I've given him and the silks to make notes.

At the flat tracks nowadays, they have standardized (colors of) helmet and saddle towels that go with the program number, but most of the jump meets don't do that.

◆ As they line up for the start, I turn both my tape recorders on, two of them in case one of them fails.

I've made in my mind the different points-of-call I'll note on the chart. The longer jump races aren't as regimented as the flat track, plus, a lot of these courses go out of sight, so I can't exactly mark that chart point.

The start is important, and a few points mid-race. The top of the stretch is key, and, if it's a long stretch, I'll make two calls in the stretch. And the finish.

◆ A race chart is a mix of verifiable data and objective observation. Time, fractions, margins – which I verify by looking at the finish camera later, those are the calibrated data points.

Then, you've got the interpretation. Was the horse pulling, was he ever in trouble, did he clip, did he hit a jump. Maybe he got too close to a fence and it took the run out of him, maybe he took off long and stumbled and missed a stride. Do I call the pace fast or slow?

Martin Chamberlin with the Queen's Cup Steeplechase's Bill Price. *©Tod Marks*

It's a lot of subjective information that's an important part of the story.

◆ On Equibase, there's a short comment – 22 characters maximum, at the end of the race line, and the footnote.

The history of the historic record

Race charts came into use in the 1880s; the Daily Racing Form started printing them in 1894, and, in 1896, started publishing a chart annual.

Past performances were included starting in 1905.

Equibase, a partnership between the Jockey Club and the Thoroughbred Racing Associations of North America, was formed in 1990 to establish an industry-owned database.

In 1998, the Daily Racing Form stopped creating their own charts and became Equibase's principal customer. Equibase.com launched in 1995, and eBase implemented in 2000. Ever since, racetrack race results are posted within minutes of the finish of each race in the nation; charts are usually up before the next race.

Steeplechase coverage isn't quite as prompt, Chamberlin notes, since he's "often working out at a jump meet in the boondocks, you know, no cell coverage and no wi-fi or press box.

"Plus, I'm having to travel for a lot of these meets. Gold Cup, I'm home in a half-hour after the races and I get those charts up that same night. Radnor, say, it takes me four hours to get home and I'm exhausted from the drive. Those I put up the next day."

Former jump rider Skip Achuff helps Chamberlin by taking most of the Carolina races and some in Pennsylvania. *©Tod Marks*

An ardor for horses and racing born at Suffolk Downs

Chamberlin grew up in Scotts Plains, New Jersey, near Newark. He wasn't introduced to horse racing until the summer of his high school senior year. "My sister was studying at Boston University, and I went up there to stay with her for a summer job," he says. "I knew nothing at all about horses.

"My sister and her friends would go to Suffolk Downs to party and bet every weekend, and I got to liking tagging along with them. I liked reading the racing form and figuring out how to bet."

One of Karen Chamberlin's classmates was Mike Welsch, eventual chart-caller, and later clocker and race reporter for the Daily Racing Form.

"Something with the experience going to the racetrack really resonated with me," Chamberlin says. His freshman year at Rutgers, he decided to get a summer job as a hotwalker.

He got his first backstretch gig, walking hots for trainer Bob Dunham, who trained 1972 Eclipse champion sprinter Chou Croute. By the end of the summer, Chamberlin was grooming.

The next summer he went to Saratoga and got a job with Phipps stable trainer John Russell. Chamberlin worked as the "swing groom," taking care of three different horses every day to give the other grooms a rotating day off. "I learned a lot," he says. "You get exposed to so many horses that way."

He graduated in 1973. Horses were on the shelf except weekends at Monmouth. Chamberlin learned computer programming in already rapidly emerging IT industry.

His first steeplechase was the old Monmouth Hunt meet on the Haskell estate. "This sport was the same but different" than flat racing, Chamberlin remembers the festive crowd.

Chamberlin became so engrossed that he drove all the way to Camden, South Carolina for the Colonial Cup a few weeks later. A few years after that, he was asked to chart steeplechases for a Racing Form competitor called Sports Eye. Through his connection with Mike Welsch, in 1991 he started chart calling for Equibase. Chamberlin does most of the mid-Atlantic 'chase meets and has filled in at the flat track a few times at Monmouth and Colonial Downs.

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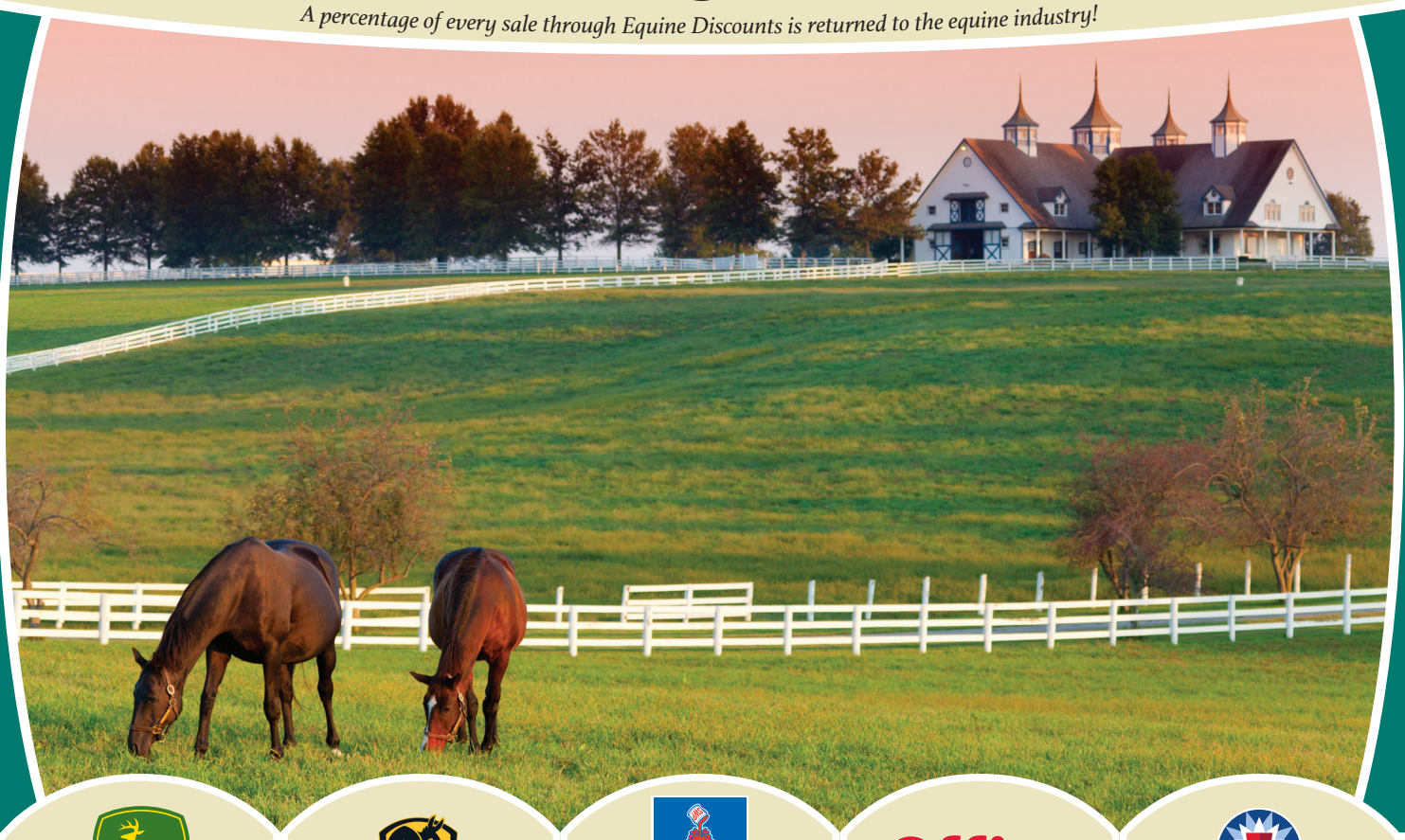

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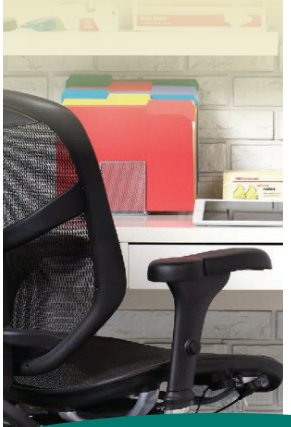

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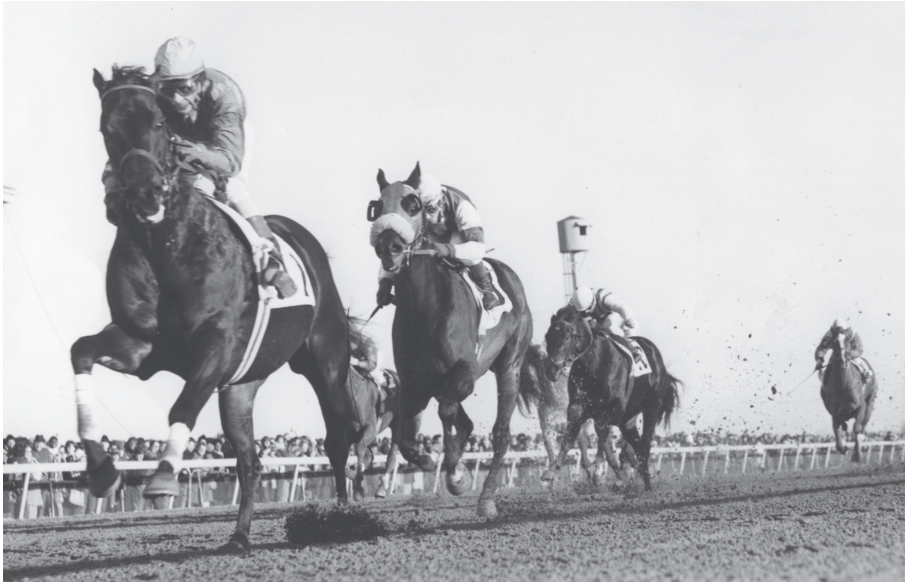
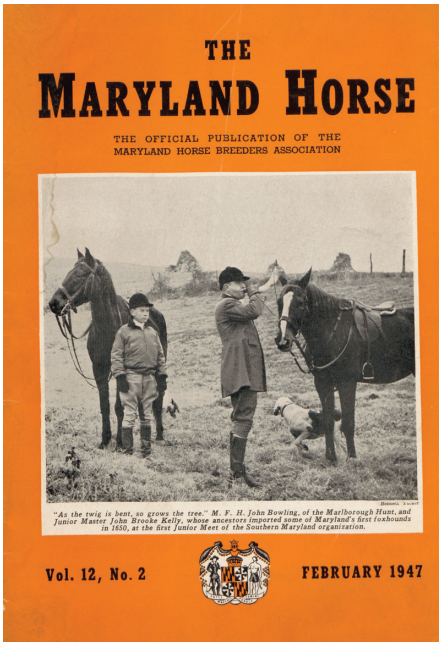


Rollicking won the inaugural Goss L. Stryker in 1972. He finished third in the Gravesend in his next and final start before retiring to a long successful stud career at Glade Valley Farms.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75 years ago

■ On the cover, M. F. H. John Bowling, of the Marlborough Hunt, and Junior Master John Brooke Kelly, whose ancestors imported some of Maryland's first foxhounds in 1650, at the first Junior Meet of the Southern Maryland organization.

■ Adolphe Pons' Country Life Farm, in Bel Air, Md., enjoyed a successful start to the new year as the consistent and speedy Trojan Fleet became the first Maryland-bred stakes winner of 1947. A performer in the colors of Baltimore's Bruce Livie, Trojan Fleet was a product of the Pons stud farm. The same was true of the smart juvenile colt Daubesse, a son of Dauber and *Druidesse II, the first locally raised juvenile to score in Hialeah's 2-year-old races.

50 years ago

■ Sagamore Farm's owner Alfred G. Vanderbilt announced that recently retired stakes winners Tinajero and Salem would stand the 1972 season at his Baltimore County farm, occupying the stalls vacated by Kauai King and Royal Gunner, who were shipped to England two months earlier.

■ No listing of Maryland's all-time great trainers could be compiled without including the name of Baltimore-born Henry S. Clark. In his 35 years as a trainer, he developed star performers such as Cyane, Endine, Tempted, Thinking Cap, Smart and Obeah. Clark credited his success to owner Liz Whitney Tippett's patronage, and later, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lunger's decision to hire him as head trainer for their Christiana Stables.

His second stroke of good fortune occurred in 1947 when the Lungers tapped Clark as a replacement for Jack Healey, who had died suddenly at age 42.

■ After their purchase of the historical Habre de Venture in Port Tobacco, Md., Helen and Peter Vischer began to acquire broodmares and later Peter's pride and joy, stallion Tom Stone.

Tom Stone, a son of Martins Rullah and the Saggy mare Streamlined, won nearly $80,000 during the six seasons he raced and was honored in 1964 as the best Maryland-bred 2-year-old performer of the year.

■ For the first time, the Maryland Hunt Cup and Grand National timber races offered purse money for the 1972 races. The Maryland Hunt Cup purse was $6,000, the Grand National's prize was $5,000, while no purse was affixed to the My Lady's Manor.

"It may not be the answer, but we thought it was worth a try. I can't see how the addition of a purse will keep anyone from competing, but, on the other hand, it may get us some entries we might not have had otherwise," said Charlie Fenwick, then secretary of the Maryland Hunt Committee.

In a letter to the editor, Maryland timber participant Janon Fisher Jr. expressed concerns over adding a purse to the Hunt Cup. He wrote, "By adding money to the Maryland Hunt Cup, the Committee would give up all control of the race to a State Commission over which it would have no authority."

Fisher also referenced *History of the Maryland Hunt Cup*, written by John E. Rossell Jr., secretary of the My Lady's Manor Race Committee, regarding past deliberations surrounding purse money for the Hunt Cup. "Though the Maryland Hunt Cup has grown from a local hunter race to a leading sporting event of national or even world significance it has never lost the delightful flavor of its early years, a flavor untouched by commercialism, untouched by the unending quest for the almighty dollar, a flavor of sporting events as they really ought to be."

The Hunt Cup went ahead with the purse addition in 1972 and was joined by the Grand National. The Manor added a purse in 1978. The Hunt Cup (worth $100,000 this year), Grand National ($30,000) and Manor ($50,000) remain three of the sport's most important timber races.

25 years ago

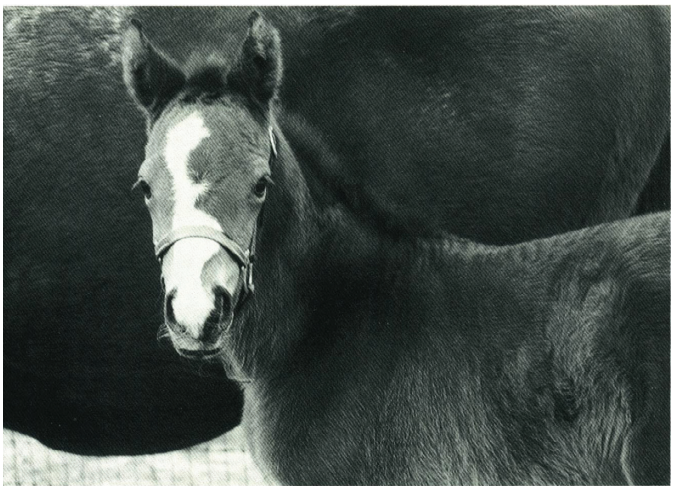
■ The Jockey Club debuted its new program, the Jockey Club Interactive Registration, on the internet as a new way for Thoroughbred owners and breeders to complete most registration requirements electronically from their homes or offices.

■ In an unprecedented achievement for Maryland, Thoroughbred racing's two most prestigious national journalism awards for 1996 went for articles that appeared in publications based in this state.

Don Clippinger won the 1996 Eclipse award for magazine writing for his story "Focusing on the big picture: how TV relates to racing," which appeared in the March/April issue of *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred*, and Tom Keyser won the Eclipse for newspaper writing for his overall coverage of racing during 1996 for *The Baltimore Sun*.

■ Smoke Glacken delivered as promised in the Black Gold Handicap Jan. 12, launching his 3-year-old campaign with virtually no opposition from only two other starters in the race. The win improved his record to five wins and one second from seven starts, with $309,520 in earnings.

As a 2-year-old, he'd impressed with wins in the Tyro Stakes, Sapling Stakes-G2 and Hopeful Stakes-G1, before he was sidelined for the rest of the year with sore shins after finishing fifth (to Maryland-based Traitor) in the Futurity Stakes-G1.



Shamrock Farm stallion Ameri Valay's first foal, shown at 2 days of age. The filly, later named Kesathwa, was out of Ample (by Dahar) and owned by Shamrock manager Jim Steele.

Smoke Glacken made seven more starts, all stakes, as he won the Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G2, Jersey Shore Breeders' Cup Stakes-G3, Riva Ridge Stakes-G3, Southwest Stakes-G3 and Mountain Valley Stakes, before retiring with $759,560 in earnings. He later won the Eclipse Award as the champion sprinter of 1997.

10 years ago

■ Hours after the NTRA announced a Special Eclipse Award for Rapid Redux, the streaking Thoroughbred won his 22nd consecutive race Jan. 4 at Laurel Park. Trained by David Wells at Penn National, the son of Pleasantly Perfect's victory extended the modern record for consecutive victories to a third calendar year. Owned by Marylander Robert Cole, the 6-year-old started the streak Dec. 2, 2010 at Penn National, and added another victory at that track nine days later. In 2011, he went 19-for-19 to tie the single-year mark set by Citation and Roseben, and mirrored that success to start 2012.

■ Horses from the estate of the late Maryland sportsman Cary Jackson made up a second dispersal in December. Then 15-year-old mare Carna, sold in foal to Lemon Drop Kid, brought the estate's top price, at $60,000 and was the highest priced mare excluding those from Flying Zee Stable.

Carna was one of eight horses sent through the ring for the estate. Seven sold. Marshall Silverman, who had known Jackson since childhood and regularly sold horses for the longtime breeder over the past decade, was agent for the consignment.

Rapid Redux won his 22nd consecutive race in January 2011. It turned out to be his last start, as he was retired shortly thereafter to Old Friends in Kentucky, where he lives today.

■ In his 12th start of 2011, veteran campaigner Whistle Pig found the winner's circle and inched closer to millionaire status when he rallied from off the pace to win an optional claimer by a half-length Nov. 25. The victory was the 17th in his lifetime, and along the way he'd won seven stakes, including consecutive runnings of the Leematt and Presidentialaffair, and placed in 11 more.

Bred in Pennsylvania by Betsy Houghton, Whistle Pig raced for most of his career for H.A.C.K. Stable and trainer Andy Carter. The son of Patton raced through 2011 before retiring with a record of 17-18-13 from 62 starts, with total earnings of $999,497.

Winter of the Horse: It felt like snow to the residents of a Carroll County, Md., farm in 1950.

Photojournalist A. Aubrey Bodine, who worked at the Baltimore *Sun* for 50 years – from 1920 until his death in 1970 – captured many scenes of Maryland horses, farms and racing. He was regarded worldwide as one of the finest pictorialists of the 20th century. *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* features his work in Past Time.

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